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Post to flush water system

Public Works crews will begin flushing of the water distribution system Sept. 18 as a continuing measure to keep the system clear.

The schedule for flushing is:

Sept. 18 – Main Post and Whiteside areas

Sept. 19 – Custer Hill housing areas

Sept. 20 – Custer Hill troop and motor pool areas

Sept. 21 – Marshall Army Airfield, Camp Forsyth and Camp Funston areas

Flushing of water mains will begin at 8 a.m. each day and continue until complete. Occupants of the affected area must refrain from using hot water during the flushing period.

To facilitate flushing, drivers should not park directly across from fire hydrants.

When flushing of an area is complete, area occupants should clear the water lines in their quarters by opening all cold water faucets and letting them run until the water runs clear.

The hot water faucets should be opened next to clear any remaining discoloration.

The time required for the water to clear depends on the amount of water used during the flushing. If the water does not clear up after 30 minutes, call the Service Order Desk at 239-0900.

ATV, dirt bike training offered

The Installation Safety Office continues to coordinate All Terrain Vehicle Training and Dirt Bike Training. These courses are conducted in Wakefield, Kan.

During warm weather, the training takes place from 8 a.m. to noon; in cooler months the training takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All training equipment is provided by the contractor. Attendees are required to wear long sleeve shirt and pants, over-the-ankle shoes and full-fingered gloves.

Soldiers, and family members may attend the training. The Installation Safety Office covers training costs.

Enrollment is coordinated through battalion schools non-commissioned officers.

Stay in Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley. Tune in to Fort Riley cable channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. or watch the show at 5 a.m. every Saturday and at 11 a.m. most Saturdays on WBTV, Channel 13.

This week's show, which runs on the post's cable channel 2 Sept. 18-24, includes:

- The 9/11 observance at Ware Parade Field
- The Ware Elementary School Freedom Walk
- Soldier deployment ceremonies

- Operation Together Forward, showing U.S. troops and local citizens working together to clean up Iraqi neighborhoods, and
- The 1st Infantry Division morale run.

Survival drill



Post file photo

Members of a Military Transition Team training at Fort Riley learn how to survive a "Humvee" rollover and get out of the overturned vehicle in a quick, safe manner.

Training pays off for team in Iraq

By **Alyn-Michael Macleod**

2nd Bde, 91st Div (TS) PAO

A recent improvised explosive device attack in Iraq could have been deadly, but it wasn't, thanks to training the Soldiers involved received at Fort Riley.

Military Transition Team graduate and team leader, Maj. Steve Carroll, recently sent an e-mail back to his trainers at 2nd Brigade, 91st Division (Training Support) thanking them for the training he and his team received at Fort Riley. He attributed that saving saved their lives during the

IED attack.

Anti-Iraqi forces attacked the first MITT team from Fort Riley operating in Iraq on their second day in-country. Carroll and his team were conducting an area orientation beside a canal when their convoy was struck by an IED. Carroll reported that the attack came on a stretch of road the convoy was traveling – a narrow isthmus between two large canals. Carroll and his team knew the area to be riddled with insurgent activity and, as such, safety was foremost on his and his team's minds.

Carroll wrote:

"Five seconds later the vehicle 40 meters in front of me carrying my brothers literally disappeared. All I saw and felt was a huge explosion where the vehicle had just been."

Carroll reported that the insurgents had buried artillery rounds under the road from inside the canal and out of plain sight under the asphalt.

His email continued: "When the smoke cleared a few seconds later, the M1114 was

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Spec. Greg Lee (right) shakes hands with Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, after being named post Soldier of the Quarter. Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Young spoke at the honor ceremony



Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, pins an Army Commendation medal on Sgt. Gabriel Simeon, the post's NCO of the Quarter for 4th Quarter, fiscal year 2006, Sept. 5 at Riley's Conference Center.

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Post selects its top Soldiers

101st FSB, MEDDAC members named best for 4th Qtr.

By **Mike Heronemus**

Editor

Six Soldiers stood in front of an applauding crowd Sept. 5, recognized for being among the best Soldiers at Fort Riley.

All had won brigade-level Soldier or Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter boards and had been called to Riley's Conference Center to find out who would be named the post's top Soldier and NCO for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2006.

Sgt. Gabriel Simeon of Company B, 101st Forward Support Battalion, topped two other NCOs for the post title.

Sgt. Jason M. Pauliszczak of the

97th Military Police Battalion and Sgt. Lamar R. Larry Jr. of Company A, 101st FSB, also appeared before the six sergeants major on the post's NCO of the Quarter board.

Spec. Greg Lee of the Medical Department Activity beat out two other competitors for post Soldier of the Quarter honors.

He competed against Spec. Jacob D. Parryman of the 97th MP Bn., and newly promoted Sgt. Nathan G. Daugherty of Company B, 70th Engineer Battalion.

Speaker: 'No losers'

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Young spoke to the

assembled group before the top Soldiers were announced and recognized.

Although Young advanced to positions of responsibility that included Fort Riley post command sergeant major and command sergeant major of U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, and is a member of the elite Sgt. Morales Club, he admitted that he had never attained the distinction of being a Soldier or noncommissioned officer of the quarter.

"I don't believe the Army dictionary has an entry for losing," Young said. "I've always been given option A, B or C (to accomplish a mission) and I've never heard of an option D for losing.

You know, the Army promotes winners."

Each Soldier to be recognized was proof that, he said.

Just because two of the six Soldiers would be named the best at Fort Riley doesn't make the other four Soldiers losers. It just means those two were a little quicker with the answers, "a little faster on the draw," he said.

Uniform got lots of attention

Some questions may have been tough to answer, but Lee said his biggest concern was getting his

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Dining facility earns award

Main Post competing for Connelly

By **Mike Heronemus**
Editor

Fort Riley's Main Post Dining Facility advanced to Army-wide competition for the Phillip A. Connelly Award after recently winning the Northwest Region, Installation Management Agency, judging in the large dining facility category.

The new Camp Funston dining facility at Fort Riley earned runner-up in the small dining facility category. The two facilities competed against others at Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Fort Riley did not enter the field dining facility category.

In the Army-wide competition conducted sometime before the end of December, Fort Riley will be compared to the top facilities in Europe, Korea and three other IMA regions in the continental United States.

Winning awards in the Connelly competition is nothing new for the Main Post Dining Facility. Plaques and trophies displayed in the facility's entry and on one wall of the dining room trace victories back as far as 1997.

Facility changes to 'large' category

But, most of those came in the small dining facility category – 400 or fewer meals served per meal. Last year, the post facility saw an increase in diners and was runnerup in the Army-wide competition for large dining facility – serving 401 or more diners per meal.

Lunch is usually the busiest meal, said recently appointed facility manager Doris Fontimayor. "We average about 500 people for lunch," she said.

The biggest crowds show up for meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays, when the dining facility features soul and Mexican food, Fontimayor said. "We serve ribs, barbecued chicken, black-eyed peas, pinto beans, cornbread and sweet potatoes on soul food days," she said.

On Thursdays, "what they really love is the taco salad, but we also serve tacos, enchiladas and Spanish rice," she added.

Staff teamwork and a sincere desire to please their diners contributed to winning this year, Fontimayor said. Most members of her staff have worked together for 12 or more years. Fontimayor was a clerk in the facility for her first 10 years before serving as acting manager for the past 1 1/2 years. She was named manager last June.

Fontimayor praised her staff's ability to prepare and present food in a tasteful and attractive manner. For the Connelly judging, the cooks served spinach lasagna, pot

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Diners enjoy breakfast at the award-winning Main Post Dining Facility Sept. 11

Connelly

roast, stuffed fish and baked chicken as the main entrée items. Pleasing the diners' pallets remains uppermost in her staff's minds, Fontimayor said. "If they want something, we try to get it for them." For example, diners voiced their desire to have a specific barbecue sauce for the chicken tenders, she said. "We checked, and we were able to get it for them."

If diners want to have something served or provided, they just talk to one of the shift managers, Fontimayor said.

It's not always possible to get what the diners want, but Fontimayor and her staff have done an exceptional job in providing excellent food service and serving what the diners want, if it's possible within Army food service guidelines, said Chief Warrant Officer Jasper C. Lee Jr., food service program manager for the 1st Infantry Division.

The dining facility has to man-

A la carte system adds challenges

age its resources to serve good quality food at a cost of \$7.21 per Soldier, per day, Lee said. "This facility serves the best quality meal for what the Army allows it to provide," he added.

The Main Post Dining Facility staff does that even though it's an "a la carte dining facility," Lee said. "Most dining facilities serve buffet style," which means meals are computed based on a standard charge for that particular breakfast, lunch or supper.

The a la carte system takes into account a different cost for each type of entrée, etc., he said. "The Main Post Dining Facility is able to provide quality meals under that system because of Doris' plate cost analysis that allows her to buy in volume and get better prices for the food," Lee

explained.

In a buffet dining facility, diners pay before they get into the serving line. In an a la carte facility, they pay at the end of the line, based on what they decided to eat and how much food they took, Lee added.

In either dining facility, Soldiers with meal cards just show their meal cards. "There's no difference for them," Lee said. Those on separate rations might pay more at the end of the line in an a la carte dining facility than they would in a buffet-style facility, he added.

Last year, representatives of the Main Post Dining Facility traveled to Miami to receive the runnerup award. This year, Fontimayor said she hopes to travel to Kansas City, Mo., to receive the Phillip A. Connelly Award trophy.

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gone. The explosion was so tremendous that it lifted the M1114 into the air, sent it another 20 feet forward and left."

A canal ran on the left side of the convoy, and Carroll said he feared the worst for his team members.

"The M1114 slid off the road and fell into the canal upside down," he wrote, "I thought they were all dead."

Training at Fort Riley had prepared the team for just such a situation, and Carroll explained in his e-mail that the battle drill training paid off, relating just what the team members did after being hit with the IED.

The first thing the team did, despite the urge to move immediately, was to pause and look for a secondary IED while calling in their report to higher headquarters. Carroll called the wait "agonizing" but understood that it was necessary to prevent further damage to vehicles or personnel.

Following the IED search and report, the team quickly moved into their immediate action recovery operation. Carroll said his team performed instinctively and executed the operation without hesitation, just as they had been instructed by their 2nd Bde. trainers.

Medic dashes to site, moves into canal

Sgt. Michael Lewis, the team medic, "did a 100-meter dash, per SOP, to the site and, with the help of the tactical commander, moved into the canal to extract our brothers," according to Carroll.

Carroll wrote, "(Sgt. 1st Class) Diggs had enough wits left to execute the gunner's rollover drill and drop inside the vehicle before it flipped. Despite water rising over their heads (Capt. Kim was completely submerged and holding his breath), all crew members executed the rollover drill and were able to self-extract. By the way, each of them was also wearing their seatbelts, probably saving them from severe injury or death."

The injured Soldiers were evacuated and received medical care for minor injuries while the rest of team remained in place to conduct cordon and search and to recover the damaged vehicle and sensitive items, according to the report Carroll sent.

Those skills also were taught during the team's training.

Carroll closed his report by saying, "Thanks for the great training."

Capt. David Payne of 101st Forward Support Battalion contributed to this article.

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uniform ready, so everything would look perfect.

Besides that, preparation for the brigade and post boards meant a lot of studying followed by brief periods to relax.

With the post board behind him, Lee said he feels a definite sense of relief, but he knows he can't let up on studying quite yet. "I know I'm not done yet," he said. He next faces the III Corps Soldier board.

Preparation for the post board meant studying two to three hours a day, Simeon said. Most of that he did at night. Some of it he did in spare minutes he could find during each duty day.

"I always tried to use part of my lunch period," he added.

Simeon used the Army study guide for most of his preparation. "At least 90 percent of the questions came from the study guide," he explained.

Overcoming his normal nervousness presented a challenge in going before the post board, Simeon said.

"Sometimes I get tongue tied and have a brain freeze," he explained. "I had to remain calm and confident. Other than studying, just staying calm, confident and consistent" was very important, he said.

"I don't think you're expected to know it all, just to do your best and admit if you don't know something," he added.

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Post to turn off air conditioning

Weather permitting, building air conditioning will be turned off beginning Sept 25 and conclude in the following order: Admin buildings, barracks, bachelor enlisted quarters, bachelor officer quarters having individual units, the 8000 area dining facilities and community buildings.

Heating systems are scheduled to be turned on starting Oct. 10 in the following order: barracks, bachelor officer quarters, bachelor enlisted quarters, the 8000 area, community buildings, admin buildings, dining facilities and motor pools.

The heating and cooling systems in chapels, child development, medical and dental buildings will be maintained as appropriate.

Family housing occupants control their own heat and air conditioning systems as desired.

The authorized temperature for the heating season is 65 to 70 degrees.

For more information, call Steve Fief at 239-3908.

Motorcycle trainer available

Fort Riley now has a full-time qualified Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor, Chris Maurich. Maurich instructs the Experienced Rider Course and the Basic Rider Course for street bikes.

Starting this month, a Basic Rider Course and an Experienced Rider Course will be conducted weekly. The Basic Rider Course will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday at Building 407.

Motorcycles and helmets will be provided, but attendees need to wear long clothing, over-the-ankle shoes and full-fingered gloves.

The Experienced Rider Course will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Friday at Building 407.

Attendees must bring their own equipment for the Experienced Rider Course.

For more information, call Maurich on Mondays and Thursdays at 239-8499.

Anyone interested in attending this training should contact their battalion schools non-commissioned officer for enrollment.

Health fair scheduled

The 2007 Open Season Health Benefits Fair is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30 in Riley's Conference Center.

FEHB Plan representatives will be on-site to answer questions, provide information and distribute open season health care packets.

Occupational Health representatives also will be on-site to give free blood pressure checks.

By Eric Eichbauer
2nd Bn., 16th Inf.

They call it "the box," 1,000 square miles of desert that is the middle of "nowhere" located in the middle of nowhere.

California's Fort Irwin lies in the heart of Death Valley and is home to one of the Army's premier training facilities — the National Training Center. It's that "nowhere" that Army units use during a 30-day deployment to ensure their combat readiness.

"I think NTC, of all the three CTCs (combat training centers) that I've been to, most replicates the fight that we now have in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne, the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's combat sergeant major.

The two other combat training centers are the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany, and the Joint Readiness

Training Center at Fort Polk, La.

"Eight years ago, NTC was a heavy-oriented type of scenario where all the heavy (armored) units went to 'fight' (when the Army was still focused on a Soviet Bloc threat). Now, NTC has changed 180 degrees to where it's focused on the Iraq/Afghanistan scenario. The days of the Cold War are over."

'Dragon Brigade' helps train others

The new "Dragon Brigade" at Fort Riley already has sent several units and individuals to NTC, but they weren't testing their combat readiness. They helped other units scheduled for NTC training receive the best combat preparation possible.

The 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, and 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, sent company-sized elements to NTC

to play the roles of Iraqi army soldiers, much like the units the U.S. Army and other Coalition forces will work with in Iraq.

The brigade also sent officers and noncommissioned officers to serve as observer/controllers for the training. OCs evaluate brigade elements and facilitate the after-action reviews that help units isolate weaknesses and refine strengths while training at the NTC. OCs gather intelligence and feedback for the training unit and for their units at home.

Besides providing training value for deploying units, the "Dragon Brigade" units found many opportunities to train and prepare their Soldiers for that time they will be called to deploy in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The NTC's facilities offer optimal resources to train Soldiers individually and collectively while the Soldiers become acclimated to the harsh, unforgiving

desert environment.

Iraqi Americans involved in the training share experiences and educate Soldiers on the customs and cultures of the Middle East and Iraq, and the center uses many mock Iraqi towns so Soldiers can train on tactical tasks and hone each Infantryman's fighting edge.

2nd Bn., 16th Inf., trains itself

"We did a lot of MOUT (Military Operations in Urban Terrain) training and mag (magazine) change drills. We just took advantage of the situation," said Spc. Eric Baggett, a Company C, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., team leader. "Whatever chance we got, we used it to our advantage, trained the Soldiers. They got pretty proficient."

The 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., "Ranger" rifle companies weren't the only ones having fun in the

sand. The OCs, mostly company executive officers and battle staff, observed nearly every movement and operation of their assigned element.

They saw what worked and brought that knowledge and lessons learned about what didn't work with them when they returned to Fort Riley.

"I got to see how other units do things. I got to see a lot of good ideas, things I can take back to my unit and implement," said 2nd Lt. Brian Casey, Company D's executive officer. "At the same time, I saw a lot of the bad stuff, too, some things you realize that your own unit does really well."

Although not deployed, the "Ranger" battalion and much of the "Dragon Brigade" has had an indirect hand in fighting the war against terror.

Training fellow Soldiers from other posts as well as themselves, 4th IBCT Soldiers stepped inside the box to make a difference.

By Brian Ducote

Co. B, 1st Bn., 28th Inf.

"Battle Company," 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, saw the U.S. Army through the eyes of an Iraqi Soldier last month when it deployed to the National Training Center Aug. 5.

The "Black Lions" traveled to the Fort Irwin, Calif., training site to play the role Iraqi Army Soldiers so the U.S. "Blue Forces" Soldiers experienced what it takes to effectively integrate an Iraqi face to accomplish their mission.

Every leader and Soldier within Co. B was afforded the opportunity to be "Monday morning quarterbacks." From their outside role as Iraqi Soldiers, the "Black Lions" could easily see what the BLUEFOR did right and wrong.

Perhaps the most beneficial advantage for the "Black Lions" was seeing how it feels day-in and day-out to be "Iraqi." With sterile uniforms, a "no shaving order" and even Iraqi names, the BLUEFOR Soldiers rarely remembered the "Iraqi soldiers" were actually fellow American Soldiers.

Soldiers of "Battle Company" gave varied responses to what they had learned while deployed. However, a common response was that they learned more than anything a respect for the Iraqi culture.

To ascertain this understanding, you almost have to walk a mile in their sandals, one Soldier remarked.

Interaction allows for growth

Conducting joint missions with the American BLUEFOR and interacting with the Iraqi local nationals allowed "Battle Company" Soldiers to grow tremendously, a company officer said. This form of intensive cultural awareness training can only be found while serving in the capacity of an Iraqi Soldier.

When the BLUEFOR called upon the "Iraqi Army" to assist them during missions, they often forgot an interpreter. The "Black Lion" Soldiers grew proficient at looking confused when anyone



1st Bn., 28th Inf., photo

U.S. Soldiers at the National Training Center eye a crowd of Iraqis, some played by members of the 1st Bn., 28th Inf., "Black Lions" from Fort Riley.

spoke English. When BLUEFOR Soldiers approached their compound, all talking ceased unless it was in Arabic.

The "Black Lion" Soldiers had learned key phrases during the deployment that allowed them to communicate through an interpreter to the BLUEFOR. However, it was still difficult to watch them use hand and arm signals to communicate a simple point. After a few frustrating days of charades, the BLUEFOR never left their interpreter behind.

During most missions, the American Soldiers treated the "Iraqis" with dignity and respect; however, there were times the role players had to ensure they realized the ramifications of not providing the Iraqi Army with food and water while on a mission.

American Soldiers tend to get the mission done, knowing they can always eat later. However, as Iraqis, the 1st Bn., 28th Inf., role players depended on BLUEFOR to feed them.

At times, the BLUEFOR would enjoy a long awaited and deserved Meal Ready to Eat while forgetting about the Iraqi Army. Only when the 1st Bn., 28th Inf., "Iraqis" refused to execute the follow-on mission would someone realize that all Soldiers, regardless of nationality, need chow.

Some units performed exceptionally well, treating the Iraqi Army soldiers as equals. During every mission, one company received the "Iraqi" contingent at the gate, escorted them inside, erected a camouflage net for shade and immediately offered them cold water. Such treatment allowed the Soldiers of "Battle Company" to perform much better.

On a separate occasion, one first sergeant stated that because his unit did not have enough cots for us, his men would sleep on the floor. Although his offer was sincere, it wasn't necessary, because the "Black Lion" Soldiers had brought their own cots.

NCO offered 'Iraqis' Soldiers' beds

Without speaking a word, the Soldiers of "Battle Company" knew who they could approach and who they could not. The units with a high concentration of amiable and open-minded Soldiers integrated the "Iraqi army" very quickly and had the most success.

In addition to learning lessons from interactions with the BLUEFOR, "Battle Company" took full

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Teams train to control all traffic checkpoints

By Shaina Howard
1st Inf. Div. PAO

"He's got an IED in the trunk!" a Soldier screamed from behind the vehicle. Warnings like this were heard throughout the training area where Military Transition Teams at Fort Riley were conducting Traffic Control Point operations Aug. 15.

The training provides MiTT teams a complete understanding of TCPs using classroom and hands-on training. Training included the basics responsibilities when conducting a TCP – what to look for during searches and the tactics and techniques the insurgents have been using to bypass control points.

The team members also had to overcome language barriers when working with simulated Iraqi Security Forces during the training.

Before conducting the training, the team members received a four-hour block of classroom

instruction. The training included the differences between TCPs and hasty TCPs.

A hasty TCP is a temporary TCP that will stop traffic for no more than 20 minutes, said Sgt. 1st Class Theodore Michalski, MiTT trainer with the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division (Training Support).

"Hasty TCPs will be used when a team is on an 'on order' mission. They would get a call from another unit saying to be on the lookout for a suspicious vehicle of this make and color," Michalski said.

After the classroom training, team members occupied TCPs and hasty TCPs in a simulated field environment.

"Once they get out here in the field and start the exercise, they understand more of what was being said in the classroom. They get to apply what they have learned to an actual event," he said.

"This training is realistic in the sense that the Soldiers actually get

to see how hard it is to run a traffic control point by themselves," Michalski said. "By incorporating the (simulated) Iraqi Security Forces, it gets them thinking about how to get everything done quickly and efficiently."

"Being out here with my team is great," said Capt. Latrice Davis, MiTT team member, Company D, 101st Forward Support Battalion. "We are working together on the different procedures and working on our communications. Having the practice here helps us so that when something does happen, we don't have to think about it. We just have to react."

The first thing the team members do at a TCP when a vehicle approaches is called the "meet and greet." This is when the MiTT team members first meet the vehicle and its occupants and do an initial screening. The team members look for suspicious items or body language from the people inside the vehicle.

After passing through the "meet and greet" stage, the team members perform a thorough vehicle search for suspicious items, improvised explosive devices, contraband and illegal material.

If any of these items are found, the personnel from the vehicle are detained in a separate segregation area away from the vehicle.

Besides the vehicle searches, MiTT team members conduct lengthy personnel searches. "We are using different search procedures that we have learned during the classroom training," Davis said.

During personnel searches, MiTT team members continued to pull security and maintain communications with their fellow team members.

"When I deployed the first time, we did not receive this type of training before and did not know what to do. Had I had this training, it would have been helpful," Davis said. "Now I know what to do and so does my team."



1st Bn., 28th Inf. photo

Soldiers at the National Training Center prepare for a training mission. "Black Lion" Soldiers from Fort Riley's 1st Bn., 28th Inf., recently accomplished two missions there: Playing the roles of Iraqi soldiers to help other U.S. units train for deployment and getting in some training of their own whenever they could.

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advantage of the 200-plus Iraqi national civilians used to populate the cities within NTC. When not conducting their own training or facilitating the training of the BLUEFOR, the company's junior leaders were encouraged to move into the towns and speak to the people.

That sometimes resulted in "Battle Company" Soldiers enjoying a cup of tea (or "Chi" as they call it) with a group of Iraqi nationals. In some instances, the group would invite the "Black Lions" to share a traditional Iraqi dinner with them.

As one would expect, the Iraqi people are very proud of their heritage and culture. They were anx-

ious to share their experiences with the American Soldiers. In one particular case, a refugee named Gabriel spoke to the entire company about his culture and how to best interact with his people. Many of the "Black Lions" could role play an Iraqi better because they understood their culture more.

Anyone who spends any amount of time with the Iraqi people understands that family and friends mean a lot to them. They have a concept of friendship that extends to brotherhood. Although some Soldiers may have had stereotypical views of Iraqis, such notions were shattered at NTC. Many Soldiers realized that the

Iraqi people are easily inspired and welcome friendship. Furthermore, once a U.S. Soldier has earned that friendship, they will do anything for their new friend.

The "Black Lions" had another culturally enriching experience with their assigned interpreters, Baraa and Saleem. While getting into their respective roles, many Soldiers would ask Baraa or Saleem how to say certain words in Arabic. In addition to saying, "stop or I'll shoot," many "Battle Company" Soldiers found it more beneficial to know how to say, "How are you?" or "How is your family?" The interpreters played a major role in developing the company's Soldiers culturally.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

The post observed Patriot's Day and remembered the 9/11 terror attacks Sept. 11. What do you think has been the attacks' effect on America?



"It brought America closer together, being there for each other. But the prolonged war is starting to tear us apart."

Spc. Kevin Broderick
Fire support specialist
Combat Aviation Brigade
Hometown: Swartz Creek, Mo.



"We went after terrorism a lot more, and we need to keep doing that."

Pvt. Patrick Heier
Infantryman
1st Battalion, 41st Infantry
Hometown: Swanton, Ohio



"The tightened airport security, which is a good thing. I think it is always going to keep us more alert about what's going on around us and we will work to prevent terror attacks."

Sgt. 1st Class Cynthia Hodge
Battalion motor sergeant
HHC, Special Troops Battalion
Hometown: Brookneal, Va.



"It showed how much more we need to reach out to the world and work with everyone. It points out the need for more global cooperation and awareness of other situations in the world."

Capt. Jason Tisdale
Assistant S3
541st CSSB
Hometown: Blue Springs, Mo.



"It's really important, something we should never forget. We shouldn't want to forget it. It was a wake up call. We were pretty lax in our security."

Sgt. Jose Valencia
Generator mechanic
Co. B, 125th FSB
Hometown: Laton, Calif.

Letters to the editor:

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By Kamryn Jaroszewski
Army News Service

Four years after saying "I do" to my military marriage, we're gearing up for round three. Experts say confusion, anger and denial are all a part of learning about deployments. I'm not sure what stage I'm in — it tends to change by the minute, sometimes.

This one has hit me much harder than the first two. Deployment number one came five months into our marriage. I knew it would happen before we said our vows, so it was basically a waiting game; I put on my "supportive wife" hat and ran with it.

Jared left in September 2002, bound for Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

I was still in the Army then and found myself taking more pride in my uniform and what it stood for. After all, my husband was a desert-clad warrior defending the freedoms of the United States.

We missed our first birthdays, holidays and anniversary together,

er, but I learned to survive for seven months with my dog. Amigo, prayers from my family and calls from Jared as my sole comforts.

I'd never smiled so big in my life as I did the day he came home. I shouted to the world that my husband was a hero.

We had one year together before he left again. I was grateful I never really understood what the Quick Reaction Force was until after he came home. Despite being a parachute rigger, Jared trained to be a gunner on a 26-man QRF team tasked with convoy security in Iraq.

I knew he would drive around protecting vehicles, but I didn't know about the secret missions or exactly how accurate sniper rounds could be — or that he had no protection around his hatch for the first half of his deployment.

Ignorance was bliss.

That deployment was harder on us emotionally. Jared lost his dad on New Year's Day, and a friend from his unit, Sgt. Rocky Payne, a few months after that.

Rocky's death is an example of the enemy's accuracy.

When war calls

Gearing up for deployment round three

Instead of remembering his year in Iraq with sorrow, we felt immense pride. Jared's QRF team drove 1,197,000 miles with no accidents or fatalities. I'm forever indebted to those 25 men, because there were a few close calls.

When he returned, I was skinny and tanned and ready to jump into starting a family with both feet.

Two months later, we were pregnant. Two months after that, we found out we'd be reporting to Alaska in the middle of the winter for a three-year tour.

All of my careful planning went right out the window. I was now being taken from the home I'd made for the last three years — away from my military family — and dropped into the arctic in my third trimester of pregnancy.

I tried to keep my hormones under control and look at everything as an adventure. Then I found out he was going back to Iraq.

I have to admit I've struggled slightly with keeping a positive attitude. It will be nice to pay off

our bills, but he'll miss our daughter's first words, steps and holidays.

I realize I'm not unlike thousands of other military wives who temporarily become single parents while their husbands deploy again.

I also know I don't always have to like it. At times, I wish we could hide our heads in the sand and pretend we don't hear Uncle Sam knocking at the door.

In reality, I know I have to set an example for my daughter — even at an early age. Through me, she will learn how to be a strong, independent woman. She will learn it's OK to miss someone and be afraid for them.

Most importantly, though, she will learn how to be patriotic and believe in the values that make up the country she was so lucky to be born in.

So for her, I will put aside my frustration about this deployment and teach her the first lesson of her life: her daddy is a hero.

Kamryn Jaroszewski is the editor of Alaska Post at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

A compliment — in layman's terms

By Kamryn Jaroszewski
Fort Richardson PAO

I would go to war with my husband. Of course, I say that knowing I'd never actually have to go. I wanted to deploy after the terrorist attacks in 2001. I'd been in the Army for 14 months when Sept. 11 happened, and I was psyched about my chance to stick it to the terrorists.

Or, at least, take pictures of other Soldiers sticking it to the terrorists.

See, I was in a different Army than my husband. We both wore the same uniform, but he was in the rough-and-tough, sleep-in-the-field-for-weeks kind of unit. I was in the "logical" Army — or as logical as it was going to get.

If it was pouring down rain, the Soldiers in my public affairs office did physical training in the gym.

My husband would pack a towel for his truck so his seats wouldn't get wet.

If there was a post-wide formation, my section would meet an hour before.

My husband's unit would meet two and a half hours before to have company, battalion and

brigade formations first.

I was always amazed at the inner workings of a line unit.

They had cool equipment and actually knew how to use it. I had cool equipment too, but I couldn't call for fire on my digital tape recorder.

When my husband returned from field training exercises, he'd tell me how his squad engaged the enemy or how they fashioned showers out of Camelbaks. He'd show me on the terrain map where his squad started, where they ended up and how they determined possible ambush areas.

I was so impressed. All I could show my husband were the functions of my camera and the short-cuts for Quark, the newspaper design program I used.

When his unit started training for deployment, I'd listen to his play-by-play as if I were watching a movie. It was so hard to believe we were in the same service, sometimes.

During all of that, one thing became apparently clear to me: my husband and his "joes" knew their stuff. They knew it so well they were complimented in Kuwait by the person in charge

of the convoy training center. He said Jared's group was the best he'd ever seen.

Once, I tried to compliment Jared. I told him I was proud he knew his job so well and that he was able to teach other Soldiers. He told me to quit being silly. I guess they don't have positive

reinforcement in his Army.

So instead, I'll tell him how I feel about his Soldiering in terms he may better understand.

Honey, I'd go to war with you.

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Grunt By Wayne Ulden



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Battalion Commander Lt. Col. David Theisen and Command Sgt. Maj. James Benton case the 1st Eng. Bn. colors during the battalion's deployment ceremony Sept. 8. The colors will be unfurled at a later date in Iraq.

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Security forces, battalion to deploy

Ceremonies afford 1st Bde., 1st Eng. Bn. families, friends time to say formal goodbye

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Katie Wyatt walked across Cavalry Parade Field, eight months pregnant and carrying a single red rose. She headed toward her husband, Capt. John Wyatt of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, commander.

Katie received the rose during the deployment ceremony Sept. 6 for her husband and about 1,200 other 1st Brigade Soldiers preparing to deploy to Iraq this month, where they will serve as security force companies.

"It's hard," Katie said of her husband's upcoming deployment, "but I'm very proud of what he's doing, and his mission is a really important one."

The couple's first baby, who they plan to name Alexandra, might get to meet her father if she comes two weeks early, Katie said, but the couple wasn't counting on that happening. Since he won't be here for the birth, they videotaped Wyatt reading to her so she'll get a chance to see her father and hear his voice, Katie said.

Wife plans to visit family

While her husband is deployed, Katie said she plans to spend time with her family and friends and spend the holidays back home in Maine. Another line of support for the new mom will be the family readiness group.

"We'll all stay here and take care of each other just like I know those guys will take care of each other over there, and we'll do our best to support everything," she said.

The Soldiers still have a bit of time to enjoy their families before heading to Iraq, Wyatt said.

"If anything, this just brings the point home that we have family and a support base and we should take advantage of it," he said of the ceremony and those gathered to wish the Soldiers well.

During his speech to the Soldiers, Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, said the Soldiers would say they didn't need the ceremony, but the ceremony wasn't for just them.

More photos

See opposite page for more photos of deployment ceremonies.

"The reason that you're in formation today is all these great people who are seated here in the seats and bleachers," Ham said. "It is an opportunity for those of us who will stay behind, for your family and friends and for this wonderful community to say thank you for your service to our nation and thank you for the sacrifices that you have already made and the sacrifices that lay ahead."

Last year, the Soldiers of 1st Bde. were ready to deploy as an entire brigade when their mission was changed. Wyatt said he was looking forward to finally deploying for his second time. "It seems we've always been on the threshold of going," he said, but said it would be hard to leave his wife and miss the birth of his daughter.

The seven SecFor companies deploying will serve as security forces for logistic convoys as they move supplies between forward operating bases throughout Iraq.

"It's a unique mission," Wyatt said, but the Soldiers of 1st Bde. have become accustomed to non-standard missions. "We've become flexible and as reactive as we can. I mean, this Army's in great shape. The junior leadership, this is the Army that they know. Whatever mission, they will accomplish it. Really, they live up to the motto of the brigade itself - No Mission Too Difficult."

Another group of Soldiers, the 1st Engineer Battalion, was honored at a deployment ceremony Sept. 8 on Cavalry Parade Field. About 600 "Diehard" Soldiers will deploy soon in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The Soldiers of the 1st Engineers now head back to Iraq in a very, very difficult mission and there is no mission more important than the mission that they are taking on," Ham said during the Engineer's ceremony.

Their job is to make the roads safe for other Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Sailors and for the

people of Iraq as they travel about their country. In short, the 1st Engineers' job is to make people's lives safer."

At both ceremonies, Ham stressed the importance of families and support from home for the deploying Soldiers. "Probably one of the toughest jobs is to be a family member of one of these great Soldiers," he said to the "Diehard" families in attendance.

General promises good family care

He reassured the Soldiers at both ceremonies that those left behind at Fort Riley and in the surrounding communities would do their best each and every day to take care of the deployed Soldiers' families. "We do that because you need to have that assurance as you go about your business overseas. You need to know that we will do all that we can to assure that your families

are properly cared for," he told the 1st Bde. Soldiers.

Wyatt said that he felt better about leaving, knowing his wife would have the support of other families on post. "I couldn't ask for a better extended family," he said of the Soldiers and families in his battery.

Probably the biggest challenge the Soldiers will face in Iraq is the tedium and homesickness, Wyatt said. "The support of the families is probably the best remedy to any challenges we face as a collective battery."

Ham reminded the ceremony attendees of the importance of communication with the deployed Soldiers. "Sometimes there's nothing more that a battle-weary Soldier needs than to get a letter or an e-mail or a phone call from home," he told the engineer families.

"We send these Soldiers into harm's way to defend what we cherish and your support means a lot," he stressed.

Fort Riley units deployed:

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19th Public Affairs Detachment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry

Units on orders to deploy:

2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division
1st Engineer Battalion
HHC, 341st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion
1st Maintenance Company
HHD, 97th MP Battalion
774th Ordnance Company
Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.
Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.
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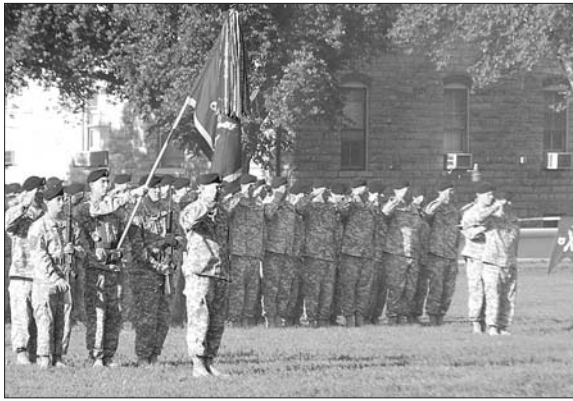
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Capt. John Wyatt and his wife, Katie, talk with 1st Sgt. Mark Flett, holding his daughter, Katerina, and his wife, Jina, after the deployment ceremony Sept. 6. Wyatt and Flett are deploying soon with Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA.





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Soldiers from 1st Bn., 5th FA stand in formation during the 1st Brigade consolidated deployment ceremony Sept. 6. Seven companies from the brigade will deploy as security force companies later this month.



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Col. Jeffrey Ingram, 1st Bde. commander, Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general of 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, and 1st Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj. John Fourhman review the troops from the back of a WWII half-track during the "Devil Brigade" deployment ceremony Sept. 6.

'Future Warrior' passes major milestone, moves closer to being fielded

By U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center

NATICK, Mass. (Army News Service) — The Army's Future Force Warrior system is one step closer to being fielded as the Ground Soldier System following a successful demonstration in August of its electronic networking capability. Developed and managed by the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center with General Dynamics C4 Systems as the lead integrator, FFW is the Army's flagship science and technology program, aimed at integrating "best in class" technologies from the Army's Research, Development, and Engineering Command enterprise, other government agencies and industry to enhance the combat effectiveness of the Soldier and small combat unit.

This marks a major milestone for the program, said Carol Fitzgerald, program manager for the FFW Advanced Technology Demonstration.

"This was the first of two incremental design phases. We have successfully demonstrated network interoperability of the Soldier/small combat unit with the future force network," she said. "This achievement satisfied the program's top level goal for its first incremental design and was completed three months ahead of schedule."

The FFW Technology Program Office delivered early prototypes of the "Increment 2" design, enabling risk reduction of the system that will continue to be enhanced throughout the remainder of the program, which is scheduled to conclude in late 2007, Fitzgerald said.

To achieve this success, NSC has worked with a number of its sister centers, including the Communications and Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center.

"Natick participated in CERDEC's Command, Control, Communication, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance On-the-Move program," Fitzgerald said. "This allowed us to leverage an important Army field experimentation venue to assess multiple developmental technologies addressing future force network integration, including FFW."

As the lead organization for the FFW ATD, NSC is responsible for the successful integration of all FFW-related technologies developed by government and non-government partners and ensuring that the final product seamlessly incorporates state-of-the-art technologies into one Soldier-friendly package.

"Through NSC's participation in this experiment, the Army has gained valuable Soldier feedback on network/communications capabilities as well as Soldier acceptance feedback regarding the many aspects of the advanced FFW combat ensemble," Fitzgerald said.

The FFW Increment 1 capabilities demonstrated at the OTM included: SCU integration into the future force network via the Soldier Radio Waveform; demonstration of the Soldier Protective Individual Equipment System, an advanced body armor and load carriage system; demonstration of cooperative engagement/networked fires using digital target hand-off and Non Line of Sight fire; demonstration of headgear thermal and Image-Intensification sensor fusion; demonstration of system voice control; and simulation of physiological status monitoring.

In addition, the FFW early Increment 2 capabilities demonstrated at OTM included: demonstration of Leader level Command and Control via FalconView (leveraged from the Air Force), system voice control, integrated Class 1 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle imagery, look-down display integrated into combat goggles and advanced power management devices to extend mission duration; demonstration of Soldier level Situational Awareness leveraged from CERDEC's Command and Control Mobile Intelligent Net-Centric Computing System program; Warrior Physiological Status Monitoring; and deeper integration of electronics into the FFW combat ensemble.

Fitzgerald said the FFW is spiraling mature components to enhance the Program Executive Office Soldier's Land Warrior system, designed for Stryker and current force interoperability.

"FFW will transition to the PEO Soldier in fiscal year 2008 to support the Army Requirements Oversight Council-approved Ground Soldier System — the next version of Land Warrior, which supports Future Combat Systems and future force interoperability," she said.

"FFW participation in this major Army experimentation venue helps the Future Combat Systems program address their risks of dismounted Soldier integration into FCS," Fitzgerald said. "The FFW ATD is scheduled to conclude at the end of 2007, with participation in C4ISR OTM 07 and Air Assault Expeditionary Force/Spiral D serving as the culminating events."



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'Combat Company' fills night with lasers, rounds

Darkness fails to deter 1st Bn., 28th Inf., squads

By Rusty Perry
1st Bn., 28th Inf.

It's only 3 a.m. Aug. 24, but the squad of infantrymen has been moving for about 10 minutes through complete darkness.

The heavy cloud cover blocks any illumination from the moon and stars. The forest canopy traps the morning mist inside its leafy ceiling.

Shots ring out. Four or five infrared lasers paired with gunfire instantly illuminate the enemy 100 meters ahead. Every Soldier is screaming a target description over the deafening automatic fire.

Team leaders scramble their men behind cover and the squad leader cautiously crawls forward to gain an assessment of the situation.

That was just the beginning.

Infantry squads train to destroy enemy

"Black Lion" infantry squads from Company C locked and loaded live rounds all that week to train for the infantry's basic mission: to close with and destroy the enemy in close combat ... anytime, day or night.

"Combat Company" was the first company in the battalion to conduct squad live fires at night.

"The preparation that goes into these missions is key," said Staff Sgt. Kevin

Reinhardt, a 3rd Platoon squad leader. "Every Soldier has to know his weapon system backwards and forwards, and be well-rehearsed on his duties, even in the dead of night."

Each day, two squads took turns at blank firing on the lane. The squads rehearsed until they got it right, and then they went live on the Squad Assault Course at Range 53. They did it first in daylight, and then again after dark.

It took a lot to prepare. This particular mission required squads to be proficient with live hand grenades, light anti-tank weapons and demolitions. Between blank fire iterations, noncommissioned officers of the company improved upon lessons learned from the previous iteration and trained their squads in the proper tactics, techniques and procedures for the battle drill.

"I was pretty nervous about throwing the grenade on the night fire," said Pvt. Daniel Leckel of 3rd Platoon. "I just wanted to make sure I got it into that opening."

Pvt. Nicholas Pryor of 2nd Platoon's 3rd Squad had his own thoughts about firing the AT4: "...using my equipment in a realistic scenario was great. Incorporating the lasers, the night vision, the live rounds and using that anti-tank weapon is all a serious experience."

Each morning Lt. Col. Patrick Frank, battalion commander, took the squad leadership on a reconnaissance of the lane to give them an idea of what they were up against.

"I want to expose you to a little bit of everything," he said during one leader's walk, "so that when you shoulder those weapons on the battlefield, you won't be shy about using them against the enemy."

The reality of the training was extensive. The "Black Lion" S2 shop set up a post to conduct forward passage of lines with the friendly forward commander, played by intelligence analyst Pfc. Connerius Barber.

"My job was to get the rifle squads into the right mindset for the mission, to force them to ask important questions," Barber said.

Operations, training staff adds realism

The S3 shop prepared realistic company operations orders, provided realistic looking pop-up targets, coordinated with range control and placed mannequins as dead enemy to be searched for priority intelligence. Spc. John Falkenbury of the "Black Lion" S3 Section was a vital player in the development of the live-fire objective and scenario.

The "Black Lion" Mortar Platoon was in on the exercise, as well. Second Lt. Tyler Sammis provided a means for squad leaders to call for indirect fire support. "It's good training for all of us," he said.

The squad live-fire exercise consisted of a friendly forward passage of lines; reaction to a listening and observation point; knocking out a bunker; defeating an enemy counter-attack; medical evacuation of a casualty; and establishing a pickup zone for helicopter extraction.

"Being able to shoot live rounds and being aware of where your team members are located is a great opportunity, it's something we all need to know," said Pvt. Michael Ray of 1st Platoon's 1st Squad.



1st Bn., 28th Inf., photo

A "Black Lion" squad prepares to move out in the early morning hours from a wooded site laced with concertina wire barriers during training exercises at Fort Riley.

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DoD committee studies issues for separation

Concern centers on women

By Steven Donald Smith
AFPS

WASHINGTON – Female military doctors, lawyers and chaplains are more likely than their male counterparts to leave the military after serving five to eight years.

The Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services wants to know why.

By examining these three career fields, the committee hopes to understand why female service members in general have such higher rates of military separation, Mary Nelson, DACOWITS chairwoman, said Aug. 25.

Nelson said it's important to retain more women, and understanding why they leave may help to accomplish this.

The main reason women are getting out after five to eight years of service is to start a family, she said.

"They don't want to have a 2-week-old (baby) and have to be deployed," she said.

A possible solution to the problem, she said, is "on-off-ramps," or points at which servicemembers can take a leave of absence from the military.

While calling the concept a good idea, Nelson acknowledged that it comes with some issues.

"If we have these off-ramps, where people can get out and take a two-year leave, then it becomes an issue of when they come back, where are they?" she said.

"Are they still with the same class they entered with? If so, then they're at a great disadvantage and aren't going to be promoted through the ranks.

"So as they come back, adjustments have to be made to their date of rank so that they're competitive again.

"It seems like we have provisions for people to leave for edu-

cational reasons, then come back in, so maybe this could be extended," she added.

Because survey data never tell the full story, DACOWITS members go to installations and hold focus groups among female servicemembers, Nelson said.

Committee members ask a broad range of questions to help them understand the problems these women face and their reasons for wanting to leave the military.

When meeting with these women, the committee members are eager to illicit possible solutions from the women, Nelson said.

The committee's 2005 report studied issues related to work/life

balance and found that most women put their families first.

They're making the decision based on their family as well as their deep desire to serve their country," she said.

For example, the committee concluded that female service members garner great satisfaction from overseas assignments, but consider their families' needs first, Nelson said.

"I think that really was the focus of our report last year," she said. "How can people balance their work, their career and the needs of their families?"

Numerous high-ranking military officials of both genders stressed to Nelson that women offer something the military would not have without them.

"They offer a different perspective. They offer a different way of looking at things, a different way of communicating, a different way of gathering points of view and getting consensus," she said.

"It's a different way of doing things, and it's something the military members I've talked to feel very strongly that the military needs," she added.



Soldiers of the 101st FSB acknowledge the salute given by Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general, 1st Inf. Div., and Fort Riley, as they run past him during the pass in review portion of the first division run at Fort Riley Aug. 31.

1st Inf. Div.
PAO/Clarke

'Big Red One' runs together

By Nicole Clarke
and Shaina Howard

1st Inf. Div. PAO

With the sun barely over the horizon, thousands of Soldiers stood in formation, not really waiting for Reveille and the Division song on Aug. 31, but for what would come afterward.

"Boom!" sounded the cannon signaling the start of the inaugural 1st Infantry Division morale run since the division's return from Germany.

With the 1st Inf. Div. Band playing in the background, the formation took off from the starting point, the main flag pole on Normandy Road.

"(I am) very excited ... to see the Soldiers, the units, the colors, the band and the cannons as we raised the nation's colors this morning. The weather is just perfect – (what a) way to start the day," said Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley.

The Division has been back at Fort Riley for just over a month after being headquartered in Germany for the past 10 years.

"We decided to celebrate by

having a division run up here on Custer Hill, do a little bit of hootin' and hollering and celebrate the 'Big Red One's' return to Fort Riley," Ham said.

Soldiers from the division's units formed on Custer Hill before Reveille sounded and stretched their muscles for the division run.

"Soldiers get up early every morning, and so this morning wasn't anything different for them. We do PT five days a week anyway, so today we just did something in a little bit larger group," Ham said.

The run is to help build up spirit, morale, esprit de corps and competition between some of the units, Ham said.

"It's all in good fun and good spirit, and (it) is a good chance to celebrate who we are and to remind ourselves as ... Soldiers we are a part of one big family and being (in) this 'Big Red One' family is something very special," Ham added.

For some Soldiers, this wasn't their first time being in the division, but it was their first division run.

Cpl. Jessie Robinson's first unit was the 1st Brigade, 1st Inf. Div. At the time, the 1st Inf. Div.

headquarters was in Germany.

"I can remember being a private, reading the 'Big Red One' Society magazine and thinking,

wow, what it must be like to be a part of that command group, and these days I actually am," said Robinson, now assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Inf. Div. "I got to run the big division flag. It's truly an honor to me, and I enjoy it."

"Today was exciting having the complete division out here, letting

everyone know that the 'Big Red One' is back in town," Robinson said.

"We're here for the troops and promoting esprit de corps, and it's motivating, seeing all these troops out here running and giving all they have," he said.

Sgt. David Grindle agreed. "I would love to do this again at least monthly because it builds esprit de corps in the division, the HHC noncommissioned officer said.

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Community news briefly

Correction

The Post published incorrect information in the Sept. 8 issue in a photo outline about the Aug. 27 welcome reception for Cathy Yarbrough, Christi Ham, Ella Gilliam, and Cindy Fourhman, wives of the 1st Infantry Division's assistant division commander for operations, commanding general, chief of staff, and command sergeant major, respectively.

The ladies were formally hosted and greeted by spouses of the Fort Riley community, to include the Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club and the Enlisted Spouses' Club. Also in attendance, as special guests, were spouses from Junction City, Manhattan and surrounding communities.

The Post regrets the mistake.

FRMS to hold math night

Fort Riley Middle School parents don't need to be afraid of the "new math" if their child asks for help with homework, assured Principal Joe Handlos.

To prove it, the school's math faculty is sponsoring "Math Night - Mission Possible" from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 18 to acquaint parents with the new Connected Math resource being used at the school for the first time this year.

Flyers about the event went home with students Sept. 12 inviting parents to participate with their children in planned interactive math activities and to solve the "Mission Possible" clues for a chance to win a graphing calculator.

"We want to show parents the kinds of math activities their children will be doing and give them ideas about ways to help their kids," Handlos said.

The Kansas math standards remain in the school's curriculum, he assured, but the new resource used to teach those standards is new and the math night event will familiarize the parents with that resource and how FRMS teachers are presenting math lessons to students.

Enlisted spouses club to meet

Fort Riley's Enlisted Spouses' Club will conduct its first general membership meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Armed Services YMCA, 111 E. 16th St., in Junction City.

Becky Willis, representing the Army Family Team Building and Family Advocacy Program, will be the speaker. Members can play BUNCO after the meeting.

Dues will still be discounted at \$10 for the year. Child care is offered on a donation basis. Contact Amy Scarpulla at 717-2753 or send e-mail to ascarpulla@gmail.com by Sept. 25 to reserve a childcare spot.

For more information, visit www.fortrileysc.net on the Web.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Chapels to get needed renovation

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Chapels at Fort Riley get about a \$300,000 interior facelift beginning Sept. 18, thanks to a \$115,000 grant from the chief of chaplains and the rest funded

from Installation Management Agency funds controlled by U.S. Army Garrison on post.

Chap. (Lt. Col.) "Skip" Stanley is overseeing the improvements, which he said have been long needed.

Normandy Chapel on Custer Hill will get the most renovation,

he said. "Almost everything inside the chapel will be upgraded, including carpeting and tile, a new kitchen, new doors and framing, new lighting in the sanctuary, improved stained glass windows to let in more light and conversion of one restroom to handicap accessibility.

A new public address system, video projector and new projection screen that can be lowered are included in the upgrade because "all chapels need to be neutralized for other uses," Stanley said.

Chapels often are used for briefings and training events, he

explained, especially those on Custer Hill at Fort Riley.

Work on Normandy Chapel begins Sept. 18 and should be finished some time in October or November, Stanley estimated. The Traditional Protestant service

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In remembrance



A flag detail takes down the garrison flag previously flying at half staff during the annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Ware Parade Field.

Post/Heronemus

Ceremony marks 9/11 anniversary

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

"Disturbing images of that day (Sept. 11, 2001) remain," admitted Chap. (Col.) Kenneth Sampson, installation chaplain, Sept. 11 at Fort Riley's Ware Parade Field.

"That smoldering hole in the Pentagon. A doomed airliner in Pennsylvania. The crushing World Trade Center inferno. We honor this afternoon, police, firemen, civilians and armed forces personnel who were killed or injured at the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and on United Flight 93," he said before a recording of President George Bush's remarks following that attack spoke over country music recording star Alan Jackson's song memorializing how Americans felt in its aftermath.

Silence was all that could be heard in the crowd gathered to remember that horrific event being observed on Patriot's Day.

"Today, our nation saw evil," Bush said five years ago, "and we responded with the best of America. ... These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve. This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace."

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Ware 'Bears,' Soldiers march for freedom, 9/11

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

The voices of more than 500 Ware "Bears" chimed together chanting "U-S-A," "we love America" and other patriotic slogans Sept. 11 as they paraded through the McClellan Heights housing area waving flags and banners during the elementary school's Freedom Walk.

The students and teachers walked to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States and to honor the Soldiers fighting in the Global War on Terrorism.

Ware Elementary Principal Deb Gustafson said she knew the school couldn't let the day go by unrecognized, especially because 100 percent of the students belong to families where at least one, if not both, parents are active duty Soldiers.

"We were looking for a way to

remember today in a positive manner," Gustafson said. "It's a very historical day, and it should not go unrecognized; however, it's also a very tragic day and can be met with a lot of drama and tension."

When searching for a way to commemorate the day, the school's family support coordinator, Pat Olmstead, came across the Freedom Walk concept on the America Supports You Web site. Gustafson said they thought it was the perfect way for students to recall the day in a positive way, "and primarily to support the boots that are on the ground in Iraq and in Afghanistan and the ones that responded to the tragic events of 9/11."

With the help of the Junction City High School Band and Jr. ROTC cadets, the Fort Riley Fire Department and Soldiers of 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery,

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Post/Morelock

Students from Ware Elementary School, chant patriotic slogans as they start off on the Freedom Walk Sept. 11. The students walked to commemorate the five year anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001 and to support the Soldiers at Fort Riley and fighting in the Global War on Terrorism.

Book not about war, but what comes after for Soldiers

By Mike Heronemus
Editor



Lee Alley

Vietnam War veteran and author Lee Alley plans to stop at Fort Riley Sept. 21-22 to sign copies of his book, attend a deployment ceremony and visit with as many young Soldiers and veterans as possible, he said.

"Once in a while a truly great war book comes along that knocks your

socks off. This is one of those," wrote retired Gen. Tommy R. Franks, former commander in chief of the U.S. Central Command, in his introduction to "Back from War, A Quest for Life after Death."

Then 1st Lt. Alley struck up a lasting friendship with Franks while they served in the 5th Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division. The 9th Inf. Div. deployed to Vietnam from Fort Riley. Alley was a leader

for the "Bandito Charlies," a nickname now used by members of the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, at Fort Riley. Alley's book describes, in a collection of personal stories of Soldiers and their families, the grief and difficulties Soldiers have after they've seen combat.

Alley quoted a passage from "Flags of Our Fathers," a book telling about the Marines who raised the flag on Iwo Jima after that deadly climb

up a hill against an entrenched Japanese force. "Your life is changed forever as soon as your boots hit the sand," one of those Marines explained about the effect of war on the human spirit.

"I didn't want to write another war novel (based on his experiences in Vietnam). I wanted to talk about some of the problems Soldiers have when they come back from war and what

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Junction City High School Jr. ROTC cadets and band members lead the Ware Elementary School students during the Freedom Walk Sept. 11.

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plans for the parade were put into action.

The morning of Sept. 11, a salute cannon fired and the walk began. The students were flanked by Soldiers and teachers leading them in patriotic cheers and chants as they walked almost a mile through the housing area where most of the students live. Parents and community members lined the walkways along the route, some filming with video cameras, some waving flags and some with tears in their eyes.

"You know, as we think about remembering today, our kindergartners were born five years ago," Gustafson said, "so they have no memory of 9/11 other than what they're being told or what they see in the media. Even our oldest students were only five or six years old at the time."

Kaileigh Solis, a second-grader at Ware Elementary whose father is an active duty Soldier, said she doesn't remember watching the events unfold on television five years ago, but when she came to school her teacher told her about it.

"I think it was really important to me," Solis said of the Freedom Walk, "because when the towers fell down, I felt sad."

For another Ware student, fourth-grader Kevin Giles, the walk meant more about freedom and safety. "I feel real happy that it's a free country and how we can be free and you don't have to worry about getting hurt and stuff," he said.

Giles also said it made him feel good to see the spectators that lined the parade route because he knew that they appreciated living in a free country.

Teaching the students who don't remember the day at all, or who were very young when it happened, is a challenge for the teachers at Ware.

"It was a monumental day in our history and we can't ignore it," Gustafson said. "It has the potential to be a very, very sad and depressing day as you think



Three Ware Elementary students ride in the back of a PT Cruiser during the Freedom Walk Sept. 11. The students participated in the event to commemorate the five-year anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, and to support the Soldiers at Fort Riley who are fighting in the Global War on Terrorism.

about what occurred five years ago, but we want to turn it into more of a supportive day — support for all of our families that were impacted, and not to forget. We should not forget, but for our jobs in teaching and educating young people, we want to help them remember but help them to remember in a positive manner."

Gustafson pointed out that besides the military students, many of the teachers at the school have spouses in the military.

"What I'm finding out as we watch all the news media and special shows, 9/11 is still very, very raw in our hearts and in our emotions, and you know teachers are just human, you know, just people too, and many of them were impacted," she said. "I find that some are more equipped to talk about it than others."

The guidance Gustafson gave her teachers was that they shouldn't address the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the drama and death surrounding it unless students asked.

"We're just going to talk about the freedom walk and the fact that we're supporting our moms and dads that are in the Army and that are at war," Gustafson said.

If the students did ask ques-

tions, Gustafson said she told the teachers to keep their answers factual. "Answer them directly and honestly with the facts, but, you know, don't get into too much of the tragedy and the death and the drama. Just keep it factual," she said.

Fourth-grader Noah Kelly watched the events on television five years ago. For him, participating in the walk was something fun besides sitting in school, but it also was important "so that we could honor the Soldiers that serve the Army and all the people that helped in 9/11 that died," he said.

On the five-year anniversary, Gustafson said the most important thing for the teachers to impose upon the students is that they do everything they can on a daily basis to keep the students safe.

"We do not want them to worry about terrorist acts," she said. "We don't want them worrying that something like that can happen to them."

"The Army is dad's job," Gustafson said she tells the students. "The Army is mom's job. Your job is being a Ware 'Bear.' Your job is to show up every day here and learn. That's your mission."

Legacy lives on at Pentagon

By Andricka Hammonds
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Five years have passed since the nightmarish morning when terrorists shook Americans' faith in the country's security. As the nation responded by supporting the Defense Department's war on terror, families of Sept. 11, 2001, victims rallied to create a Pentagon memorial.

"It's my mission that the crewmembers, passengers and Pentagon employees who died in the Sept. 11 attack are remembered," said Tom Heidenberger, director of the Pentagon Memorial Fund. Heidenberger's wife, Michelle, a flight attendant aboard American Airlines' flight

77, died in the attack.

The Pentagon Memorial Project commemorates the 184 people who died in the attack on the Pentagon. It will include 184 benches, each illuminated by a small, lighted pool. A plaque with a victim's name will be placed at each bench, and the benches will be arranged according to victims' ages, ranging from Dana Falkenberg, 3, to John D. Yammicky, 71.

"This memorial will be open to the public as a beautiful place for collective contemplation, remembrance, reflection and renewal," said Jim Laychak, Pentagon Memorial Fund president.

Laychak wears a silver bracelet bearing the name

"David" for the brother he lost that day. "I just want people to remember," he said.

Laychak said he knew the Pentagon had been hit before the media reported it — he knew it the second the windows of his Alexandria home vibrated. Laychak's brother was working at the Pentagon that morning.

"He didn't have a cell phone, so I knew he might not be able to call me right away," Laychak said.

Other members of Laychak's family were also working at the Pentagon that day, and had already checked in.

"I started to get worried when I had not heard from David by

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"None of us will forget this day," the president said, "yet we go forward and defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world."

Celebrating Patriot's Day remains a necessary event despite the number of years that have passed, assured Brig. James C. Yarbrough, assistant division commander for operations, 1st Infantry Division, and the ceremony's key speaker.

"It comes down to three reasons that we're here. The first, we're here to remember the 3,000 citizens who perished in the blink of an eye" and the agony felt by families and everyone across the country, he began.

"The second reason we are here is to reflect on what we have as Americans," he continued.

"The final reason is to be reinforced with the reasons that we're serving our country as Soldiers today, that we can will these freedoms to our children and our children's children."

Remembering that day, as we all do today, we ask, "How dare they?" Yarbrough went on. Through a swirl of instant varied emotions — rage, horror, disbelief, resentment, sadness, fear — "Americans did what Americans will do. We got mad. We reflected on what this country means to us, and we resolved that nobody was



Spectators at the annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony bow their heads in a moment of silence, remembering the lives lost in the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center.

going to take our freedoms from us," he recalled.

A symbol of that resolve appeared in a photo of three firefighters raising a new American flag atop a rubble heap the next day. Yarbrough reminded that photo galvanized American resolve to get beyond the tragedy and to protect our freedoms, he said.

From the U.S. Army Web site, Yarbrough recited several examples of comments made by U.S. citizens to Soldiers in general.

They all stated support and praise for what Soldiers do every day to protect the country and its freedoms.

Resolve like that reinforces why it is so important that we're serving today," Yarbrough said. "It's because of our sacrifice that our country enjoys this legacy of freedom that we are going to pass on to our children and our grandchildren."

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Dental assistant program accepting applications

American Red Cross

The next session of the American Red Cross Dental Assistant Training Program will begin in October.

To be eligible for this professional training program, a person must be 18 years or older and a military sponsored ID card holder. The program consists of 40

hours of classroom and 800 hours of clinical experience. Hours are scheduled from about 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Participants must also complete a CPR/First Aid course and have current immunizations.

Reimbursement for child care or transportation is not available. Applications are available at the Red Cross office in Building

7264, the Soldier and Family Support Center. They must be completed and returned by Oct. 7.

Applicants will be interviewed Oct. 10 and notified of their selection status within two days.

For more information about the Dental Assistant Training Program, call the Red Cross office at (785) 239-1887 and ask for Debbi.

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fathers and mothers experienced," Alley said.

The stories Alley relates in his book come from people he knew. But, after talking with a lot of veterans attending reunions, he found the veterans' experiences paralleled those of his war buddies.

The most common problem Alley found from his buddies' experiences and after talking with veterans of all wars wove a common thread: simply having the feeling that nobody understands what they experienced and that there is nobody to talk to about their feelings. They had difficulty in telling their stories and opening up to other people, Alley said.

Another reason for writing about war from this perspective came from his own difficult time following the Vietnam War.

"For the first 25 years after the war, I buried my memories. I buried it all, didn't want to share anything because I didn't think anyone would understand," Alley said.

"I was in combat one day and at the University of Wyoming a month later to finish my degree and facing student demonstrations and other groups opposing the war. The college atmosphere was not a good place back then," he recalled.

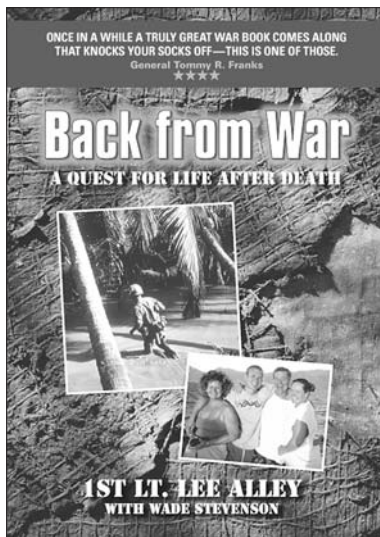
Alley and other Vietnam War veterans came home to a hostile American society. "The young kids coming back (from Iraq and Afghanistan) today are being treated differently, with parades etc., and I'm glad for that," Alley said.

But, "you can have all the parades you want," he added as a caveat, "but they will still carry the horrors of war."

Some Soldiers handle the horrors of war for a while, Alley said. "The problem I'm finding out is that you go through a period of denial, saying 'I can handle it.' But, age or whatever catches up with you" and the horrific memories take hold.

Alley said his hope is that people reading his book will gain some understanding of what Soldiers face after coming back from war, and that Soldiers and veterans "will understand that having these nightmares doesn't make you some kind of crackpot and that they will try to deal with it sooner than later."

To some extent, Alley already



Courtesy photo

Former 1st Lt. Lee Alley will be at the Fort Riley PX Sept. 21 and 22 to autograph copies of his book and talk to veterans.

Alley's schedule

Vietnam War veteran and former first lieutenant Lee Alley will be signing copies of his book, "Back from War, A Quest for Life After Death," at the Fort Riley Post Exchange from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21 and from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 22. He also will attend the deployment ceremony at 9 a.m. at Fort Riley.

Other Kansas appearances include the Topeka Barnes & Noble store from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 22, the Roe Barnes & Noble store from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 23, the Sona Rosa Barnes & Noble store from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 24 and at Fort Leavenworth from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 26.

He also is scheduled to deliver a Purple Heart Dedication speech in Salina at noon Sept. 23.

has heard that his book has helped in that regard. He said a veteran called him "out of the blue and said the greatest thing about the book was that it changed his wife's life. She had told the vet after reading the book that the

lights went on and maybe now she understood what her husband was going through."

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Community news briefly

Society plans ghost tours

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley has scheduled its 11th annual Ghost Tours for Oct. 29.

Tours will start at the Custer House. Cost is \$1 for those age 13 and older. Tickets will be on sale from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Custer House.

Stroller friendly walking tours will proceed through Main Post for about 1.5 to 2 miles, rain or shine.

Class offers finance tips

The Women's Infants & Children, Army Financial Services and New Parent Support Programs at Fort Riley will a Stretch Your Food Dollars class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 21 in the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

This class will discuss how to create nutritious meals, suggest progressive ways to budget and include a fun money game.

Limited child care will be available on a first-come, first-served basis (shot records needed).

Call 239-9435 by noon Sept. 19 to RSVP.

Society still needs pie volunteers

Volunteers are still needed for the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley's apple pie making days. Help is needed Sept. 25-28, especially during the mid-day shifts from 9 to 11 a.m.

Support also is needed during pie distribution, clean-up and baking Sept. 29. Shifts are available between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Contact Libby Hudson at chudsonjr@aol.com for more information.

Forms available to order pies

Orders for Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley apple pies are still being accepted. Pre-sale order forms can be picked up from the front porch of the Custer House Side B and can be left, with payment included, in the mailbox.

Order forms also can be obtained my e-mailing chudsonjr@aol.com and may be submitted by mail.

Cost per pie is \$8. The frozen pies come with baking instructions and will be available for pick up on Sept. 29 at the dining facility on Drum Street on Custer Hill. Deadline for pre-sales is 5 p.m. Sept. 22.

E-9 Association sponsors art show

The Kansas Chapter of the Armed Forces E-9 Association will sponsor an art, craft and antique show from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 21 at the National Guard Armory, 18th and Jackson Streets, in Junction City.

Hourly prize drawings will take place and a drawing for three major prizes will take place at 3 p.m.

Vendor booths are available for \$30 per vendor. Each booth is 8 feet by 10 feet and includes one table. Electric hookup cost \$5 extra. Vendors may bring extra tables.

Interested vendors should contact Leland Robinson at (785) 238-5901 or via e-mail at rretreat@earthlink.net.

Space reservations with a check payable to KS Chapter AF9A can be mailed to Robinson at 145 Rimrock Dr., Junction City, KS 66441.

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conducted there each Sunday morning will move to 9 a.m. at Kapaun Chapel until work is finished.

The Lutheran service conducted each Sunday morning at Normandy Chapel will be moved to 11 a.m. in the Irwin Army Community Hospital Chapel.

Work at Morris Hill Chapel will begin Sept. 21, he said. Planned renovation includes new appliances, cabinets and tile floors for two kitchens, new paint

in the fellowship hall and "Blue Room," removal of the folding partitions and replacement of curtains in the "Blue Room."

"It won't be the 'Blue Room' any longer," Stanley said, because the curtains won't be blue anymore.

Plans also are to install a dropped ceiling and add new lighting to both rooms.

Work should be completed within two weeks, he said. Kapaun Chapel work begins

Sept. 25 and will upgrade the kitchen.

St. Mary's Chapel and the Main Post Chapel work is planned to begin Sept. 18. It will take about a week to install new carpet in the basement, Stanley said.

Next year, "we'll probably look at renovations to the outside of the post chapels," he said.

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three o'clock that afternoon," Laychak said. At 6 p.m. Laychak visited David's wife and children in their Manassas, Va., home.

As days passed with no word from his brother, the feeling of dread grew. Seven days later, on Sept. 18, the family was notified that dental records had confirmed David died in the attack.

Laychak and Heidenberger have worked passionately to raise money and create initiatives to support the building of the Pentagon Memorial ever since.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers took on the planning, site selection and design of the memo-

More info

To learn more about the Pentagon Memorial Fund, visit www.pentagonmemorial.net.

For more information about the Combined Federal Campaign, visit www.opm.gov/cfc.

rial. Corps personnel met with the Family Steering Committee, a volunteer group of victims' families, to get loved ones' input. A jury — made up of design pro-

fessionals, family members and Washington dignitaries, including two former defense secretaries — reviewed 1,126 design submissions. In September 2002, the family members attended a private exhibition of entries from six design finalists. Those designs were also displayed for Pentagon employees in February 2003, so they could offer comments.

The design by Kaseman Beckman Amsterdam Studio of New York won the final vote. Ground-breaking took place June 15 this year, and the memorial is expected to be completed sometime in 2008.





Wildcat football fans welcome Fort Riley Soldiers to K-State

By Stephen Baack
1st Inf. Div. PAO

Amid the sea of more than 50,000 football fans mostly dressed in purple for the Kansas State University Wildcats' second game of the season, perhaps the most visible spectators were those in the Army Combat Uniform.

About 500 Soldiers joined hardcore fans and casual spectators alike at Bill Snyder Family Stadium for Fort Riley Day to watch the Wildcats battle the Florida Atlantic Owls Sept. 9.

A tailgate party catered and organized by volunteers from local businesses who provided food and prizes for free preceded the game.

"The relationship between Fort Riley and the surrounding communities is truly something special, and it's evidenced by today, where you have commercial sponsors, you have the university, you have civic leaders, community

leaders from all of the surrounding areas around Fort Riley coming together to support Soldiers and their families," said Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley. "It's very, very powerful, very meaningful to us and we're very appreciative."

Also free to the Soldiers were 500 tickets purchased by a local auto dealer.

Kansas State University had made a special deal and put 500 tickets together so one of the local chambers could have the business community buy them. The auto dealer bought them all.

A fly-over of Black Hawk and Apache Longbow helicopters marked the start of Fort Riley Day minutes before the coin toss. Spectators welcomed the Soldiers with applause and cheers and watched quietly as the color guard made its way onto the field just before the game.

The silence broke quickly as Willie the Wildcat, decked out in

ACUs, rode out on the field in a "Humvee" waving a 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, flag.

Ham was joined by Staff Sgt. Richard Gentry and Staff Sgt. Brian Robbins, Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, who were injured in Iraq in separate attacks, when invited onto the field to observe the coin toss up close.

Though not every Soldier who attended was rooting for KSU, the game started off with a bang as Wildcat Justin McKinney returned the opening kickoff for an 88-yard touchdown – the first time a KSU player has done so since 1936, and the first of many successful KSU plays in the 45-0 shutout.

The 1st Infantry Division Band took to the field during halftime to play alongside KSU band members, who welcomed the division back home with a rendition of "Coming to America."

Halftime featured a 3 1/2-minute "Welcome Back" video featuring footage spanning the entire 1st Inf. Div. history that had the crowd worked into a near frenzy.

Fort Riley Soldiers were also on hand to unfurl a giant American flag over the center of the field for the standing, cheering crowd – many of whom rarely get to see so many Soldiers up close.

"I think it has two effects," said Lt. Col. Arthur DeGroat, director of military affairs at KSU, of this visibility. "I think, one, you can say it's Fort Riley Day, but when all the 55,000 screaming fans get to see the actual Soldiers overhead in a helicopter or on the ground holding our colors ... they get to see the actual Soldiers. It's amazing – a lot of people from Manhattan don't get onto the fort and get to meet Soldiers ... so for them to meet and see you guys, I think, is very, very powerful."



1st Inf. Div. PAO/Baack

Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, salutes the colors during the start of Fort Riley Day at Kansas State University's Bill Snyder Family Stadium Sept. 9. Five hundred post Soldiers received free tickets to the Wildcats' second game of the season in an appreciative gesture from community and local business leaders.

"Secondly, I've taken ROTC cadets on the field," continued DeGroat. "I know from the Soldiers' perspective, it feels nice, too, to look up and see 55,000 people cheering you. You're really the heroes; it's not the football players."

Though rain and lightning forced a 30-minute delay during the first half, the game resumed with little effect to morale.

"It was nice because K-State's so close," said Pic. Kevin Harrington, a combat engineer with Company A, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

"We all go to Manhattan a lot

to hang out on weekends. It was nice that they thought of us, to include (us) into their program and come see a game. I thought that was real cool. It's college football, and you don't get too many chances to get a free ticket to go see a Division I college game. It was awesome that they thought of us to do that," he said.



1st Inf. Div. PAO/Baack

Sgt. Chris Hogan, trombone player with the 1st Inf. Div. Band, plays with the Kansas State University Marching Band during the second half of KSU's Fort Riley Day Sept. 9. Hogan was one of several band members to "infiltrate" the KSU Marching Band section during the game.



1st Inf. Div. PAO/Baack

Kansas State University's football mascot, known as Willie the Wildcat, rides onto the field in a "Humvee" while dressed in an Army Combat Uniform during KSU's Fort Riley Day at Bill Snyder Stadium Sept. 9.

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Community news briefly

Military bikers to escort riders

Members of the Fort Riley Chapter of U.S. Military Motorcycle Riders and other interested military bikers will meet at 8 a.m. Sept. 30 at the Marshall Army Airfield gate for a group ride.

The group will travel to a meet-and-greet breakfast hosted by City Cycle Sales in Junction City, then escort the Harley Davidson factory riders onto and around Fort Riley during the post's open house.

A Harley Davidson plaque will be presented during open house activities on Cavalry Parade Field at 11 a.m.

Interested riders should call Sgt. 1st Class Carl Corey at (785) 717-5725 for more information.

Spouses club plans luncheon

Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will hold a Kansas FYI/Makeover luncheon at 11 a.m. Sept. 21 at Riley's Conference Center on Fort Riley.

The luncheon will feature several local vendors, chambers of commerce and other community organizations to present useful area information and show off some unique merchandise found in our locale.

Three lucky ladies will receive a makeover from three

local salons.

OCSO also is taking donations for the Charity of the Month – to help all Fort Riley schools. Members are asked to bring or send a box or two of tissue to the luncheon.

Lunch will be served at noon and will be a "create your own sandwich" bar. Rolls, croissants, turkey, ham, cheeses, lettuce, tomato and more will be available to build your own sandwich.

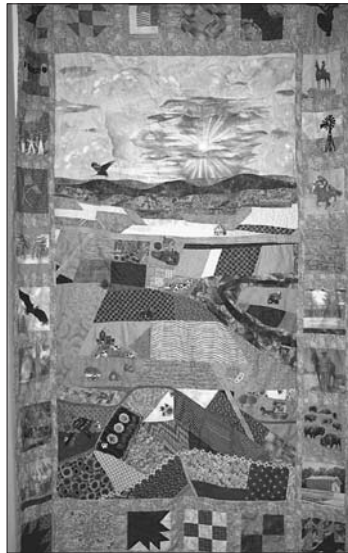
The lunch cost is \$11 per plate and will include fruit, pasta salad and choice of chocolate or strawberry cream pie. Tea, coffee and water are included.

Domestic violence to be addressed

October is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Prevention Month. Answers to questions about domestic violence will be addressed from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at Fort Riley by Deborah D. Tucker, former co-chair, Department of Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence.

The event is free and open to the public, but those wanting to attend must RSVP to Family Advocacy Program representatives by Sept. 30.

For information or reservation, call 239-9435 or visit the Family Advocacy Program.



Quilting Fort Riley's past

A quilt depicting scenes from Kansas and Fort Riley's historic past will be given away by the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley during a drawing at Fort Riley's Apple Day celebration Sept. 30.

The 50 by 80 inch quilt depicts a sunset over a colorful Kansas farmscape. Bordering the edges are photo blocks of familiar Fort Riley sites, such as Old Bill, a cavalry soldier, the "Big Red One" flag and the Custer House.

Tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5. They can be purchased at the Custer House on Apple Day, the post Thrift Shop until Sept. 29, or from Robbie Courts. The drawing will be held at 3 p.m. at the Custer House on Apple Day.

Proceeds from the drawing will be turned back into the community by HASFR and contributed to the post-wide scholarship fund.

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Fall Classic results released

The Garrison Commander's Fall Classic golf tournament took place at Custer Hill golf course Sept. 6 with the following results:

Jim Lake, Tony Holman, Dale Russell and Tom Johnson took first place in the first flight.

Larry Githerman, Ken Steggeman, Gary Becker and Harry Hardy place second in the first flight.

Kenneth Sampson, Roy Watson, Mike Greenwalt and Bill McKale won the second flight.

Tom Pettegrew, Dori Farrow, John Farrow and Bob Louis placed second in the second flight.

Outdoorsmen plan banquet

The 2nd Annual Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group Banquet will be Sept. 22 at Riley's Conference Center. The banquet will include door prizes and multiple auctions for wildlife prints, outdoor gear and outdoor services from organization sponsors.

The social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The live auction will begin at 8 p.m.

The banquet serves as the group's primary membership drive and fundraiser to promote conservation and events such as youth hunts, hunter safety education and information and outdoor fellowship.

The outdoorsmen group maintains association with nationally known organizations, such as Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Banquet tickets can be purchased at the Conservation Office, Building 1020, Huebner Road.

ITR offers Chiefs tickets

The Fort Riley Information, Ticketing and Registration Office has tickets for several Kansas City Chiefs home football games.

Tickets for the game and coach bus transportation to each game are \$70 and \$85.

Tickets are available for the game against the San Francisco 49ers Oct. 1, the San Diego Chargers Oct. 22 and the Seattle Seahawks Oct. 29.

ITR is located across the parking lot from the Main PX. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 239-5614.

Youth program needs coaches

The Fort Riley Youth Sports program needs individuals interested in coaching soccer this fall season. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to work with youth soccer players.

All coaches go through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association's certification course free of charge.

For more information, call the Youth Sports office at 239-9223 or 239-9200.

Teams line up to play football

28 company squads enter post's four flag leagues; play starts Sept. 18

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Company level flag football kicks off play Sept. 18 at Sturgis Field with games scheduled to start at 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

Scheduled for the first games in the Southern League will be

Co. A, 101st Forward Support Battalion, against Company B, 601st ASB at 6 p.m., Company B, 101st FSB, against Company A, 601st ASB, at 7 p.m. and Company E, 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation in the nightcap.

First Battalion, 360th Infantry, of the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division

(Training Support) rounds out the teams playing in the Southern League. It is scheduled to open its season at 8 p.m. Sept. 20 against Co. B, 601st ASB.

Western League play opens Sept. 19 with Co. A, 610th Brigade Support Command, scheduled to play Company F,

610th BSB, at 6 p.m., Company B, 610th BSB, facing Company F, 610th BSB, at 7 p.m. and Company C, 610th BSB, going against Company D, 610th BSB.

Company G, 610th BSB, rounds out the one-battalion Western League teams. It is scheduled to play its first game at

8 p.m. Sept. 21 against Co. F, 610th BSB.

Eastern League play is slated to begin Sept. 25 with Company B, 4th Battalion 1st Field Artillery, matched against Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, at

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Mat combat

24 fighters earn berths for all-Army tournament

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Twenty-four Soldiers earned spots on the Fort Riley 2006 combatives team that will compete Nov. 3-6 in the all-Army tournament at Fort Benning, Ga.

The top three competitors in each weight class of the post tournament made the team, but only the top two will compete at Fort Benning, unless the No. 3 finisher is needed to take the place of the winner or runnerup in their weight class.

The 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, ran the post tournament Sept. 9-10 at Long Fitness Center on Custer Hill. Lt. Col. Ralph Kauzlarich, battalion commander, said 37 entrants started the tournament the first day. Twenty-four were left to compete for the top three spots on the final day of competition, half of them assigned to 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.

Kauzlarich will act as officer-in-charge of the post team when it competes at Fort Benning. First Sgt. Matthew Delay of Company B, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., will serve as noncommissioned-officer-in-charge. Modern Army Combatives trainer Dave Durnill will accompany the team as its trainer.

Fort Riley competed in the all-Army tournament last year and finished fourth as a team. One Fort Riley Soldier, Adrian De La Cruz, of 1st Battalion, 16th Inf., won the tournament crown for the 170-pound weight class.

Last year, Soldiers basically were just asked if they wanted to compete in the all-Army tournament, Kauzlarich said. This year, the post used a more structured selection process for the post team, including the post-wide tournament. "We wanted to put together the best team possible," he said.

Only male Soldiers fought in the post tournament, but the all-Army tournament will likely have female Soldiers, too, he said. "This is a gender neutral sport," he explained.

Durnill and other trainers contracted

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Post/Heronemus
Aaron Chonko lifts Issachar Anderson off the mat before slamming him back down in their 185-pound and under combative match for third place in that weight class. Chonko went on to win the match and place third in his weight class.

JCHS to host tribute night

School offers free game, food tickets

By Debbie Bengtson

USD 475 Fort Riley Liaison

Junction City High School's first Tribute to the Troops Night will be Sept. 15 at Al Simpler Stadium when the Blue Jays football team takes on the Topeka West Trojans.

"We want our military families to know how much we appreciate their service to our country," said Ronald P. Walker, superintendent of Geary County schools. "But just as importantly, we want to welcome Fort Riley families to our community."

Soldiers and their families can pick up free tickets at key locations on Fort Riley as well as in Junction City.

Each ticket entitles the bearer to one free admission into the game and one free Subway sandwich, soda and chips.

Tickets available on post

On Fort Riley, tickets are available at the Soldier and Family Support Center in Building 7264, School Aged Services in Building 5810 and at both Child Development Centers, Buildings 6950 and 6620B.

In Junction City, tickets are available at the Junction City Geary County Military Affairs Council at 814 N. Washington St., the Armed Services YMCA at 111 E. 16th St. and the Mary E. Devin Center for Education Support at 123 N. Eisenhower Dr.

Community sponsors for the event include the Junction City/Geary County Military Affairs Council, the Junction City Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce), several local businesses and the Junction City High School

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Fall splendor grows wild on Fort Riley's prairie

Wildflowers indicate prairie's health, add beauty, used for love potion



Alan Hynek

By Alan Hynek
Fish and Wildlife Biologist

Fall is an exciting time of year to be outdoors. The cool, crisp air is a refreshing change from the normally smothering Kansas summer.

Even with the onset of cooler weather and shorter days, Mother Nature continues to inspire with some striking fall wildflowers.

The tallgrass prairie is known for its diversity and resiliency, making it a great place to train soldiers as well

as a unique place to enjoy the splendor of the Flint Hills.

The sunflower family is well represented among fall flowering plants. Some of the more common species include liatris, goldenrod, aster and several species of sunflower.

The bright yellow flowers of goldenrod are a common sight on Fort Riley. The most common species are the Missouri goldenrod, rigid goldenrod and Canada goldenrod.

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The dozen species that occur in the Midwest are exceedingly difficult to identify, since many of the goldenrods integrate between species.

The brilliant orange-yellow flowers of this plant can signal the overall health of the prairie. Most species of goldenrod are considered "increaser" plants, in that they become more common in areas that are disturbed.

Liatris is a purple to lavender colored member of the sunflower fami-

ly. These plants form a unique flower head, which looks like a wand.

Some of the colorful names associated with liatris include blazing star, starwort and gayfeather.

The roots of the liatris plant were harvested in the early spring by Native Americans and eaten raw or cooked.

Liatris has been domesticated and can be found in many floral arrangements, and it can be purchased from seed catalogs.

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Aaron Chonko works to get his 185 pound and under opponent to tap out during their match in the post combatives tournament at Long Fitness Center Sept. 10. Chonko went on to win third place in his weight category, giving him a berth on the post team headed to Fort Benning, Ga., Nov. 3-6 for the all-Army tournament.

Post/Heronemus



Post/Heronemus

Nicholas Looney (right) opens his 155 pounds and under match against Joshua Wold with an kick Wold effectively blocks. Looney went on to win the match and place third for a spot on the post's combatives team.



Post/Heronemus

Larry Jackson (top) gains a superior position over his opponent, Arnulfo Navarro, in the 140 pounds and under match for third place. Jackson ultimately won the match.

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through Barton County Community College to conduct Modern Army Combatives classes at Fort Riley offer a basic and advanced course. Many of the Soldiers competing in the post tournament had trained in those classes, but not everyone, Kauzlarich said.

"Some had other martial arts training, instead," he added. "They just had to learn how to score points to win."

Fighters could earn points by achieving a mount, taking down the opponent and gaining control or by holding his knee in the opponent's stomach, Kauzlarich explained.

If a competitor submitted, he would lose the match. Submission came in some matches when a fighter secured a choke hold or a hold that could be used to break his opponent's arm.

Fighters started matches the

first day from their knees, Kauzlarich said. They faced each other standing up at the start of matches the final day, which allowed some fighters to use kicks to try to knock opponents off their feet.

Fighters were allowed to slap faces with their open hands and to punch ribs with their fists, just as they would be allowed to do at the all-Army tournament. They also wore safety gear they would wear if fighting at all-Army, including a groin cup, mouth guard and leg guards that covered the ankle, shin and knee.

"We wanted to make it as close to what they would see at the all-Army tournament," Kauzlarich said.

Mike Heronemus can be contacted at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or 239-8854.

Fort Riley combatives team, tournament results

140 pounds and under:

First place to Timothy Wineberg of Medical Department Activity; second place to Christian DeGuzman of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry; third place to Larry Jackson of Co. B, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.

155 pounds and under:

First place to Brent Srnka of Company E, 610th Brigade Support Battalion; second place to Benjamin Hart of Company C, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.; third place to Nicholas Looney of Co. B, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.

170 pounds and under:

First place to Sean Roberts of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Inf.; second to Adam Rose of Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery; third to Michael Gutierrez of Co. B, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.

185 pounds and under:

First place to Brandon Bear, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.; second to Adrian De La Cruz of Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.; third to Aaron Chonko of Co. C, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.

205 pounds and under:

First place to Raymond Mongey of Co. B, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.; second to Co. F, 610th BSB; third to Johnathan Taylor of Battery A, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery

Over 205 pounds:

First place to Christopher Grose of 1st Infantry Division G3; second to Vincent Mendiola of Division Support Command; third to Alexander Tellez of HHC, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.

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Horse riding class offered

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center is coordinating horseback riding classes from 9 to 10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sept. 16.

A maximum of five riders can be accommodated per session. Cost is \$25 per person and riders must be at least 12 years old.

Transportation will be provided from the center at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day. Registration closes the day before the class.

For more information, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 239-2363 or 239-6368.

Emporia hosts golf tourney

An All Veterans Tribute Golf Tournament is scheduled at the Emporia Municipal Golf Course beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 23.

The tournament is open to the public. Proceeds will benefit Emporia's All Veterans Tribute in coming years. The tribute honors all veterans for all military service.

The four-person scramble costs \$50 per person to enter. The entry fee includes green fees, cart rental, lunch after the tournament and entry in the grand prize drawing.

Mulligans cost \$5 for two. Registration deadline is Sept. 21.

For more information, call (620) 342-8753, (620) 342-1803, (620) 342-1793 or (620) 342-0457.

Bird watching class offered

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center will host a free basic bird watching class from 8 to 10 a.m. Sept. 16 at Moon Lake on post.

Participants should meet at the east playground at Moon Lake and should dress for the weather. Participants will be walking extensively through varied terrain.

Participants should bring cameras or field glasses. For more information or to register for the class, call 239-2363 or 239-6368 or visit the center at 9011 Rifle Range Road.

Outdoor rec changes hours

The Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center changed its hours of operation for fall and winter. It will be closed Sunday and Monday and open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Field house activities listed

Sept. 9 - 9:30-11:30 a.m., Scavenger Challenge;
Sept. 25 - 9 a.m., Spinning; 12:15-12:45 p.m., Target Tone; 6 p.m., Cardio Pump-Step Aerobics

Sept. 26 - Noon, Hip Hop Aerobics; 6 p.m., Spinning
Sept. 27 - 9 a.m., Turbo Kick

Sept. 28 - 6:30 a.m., Spinning; 9 a.m., Spinning; noon, Hip Hop Aerobics

Sept. 29 - 9 a.m., Turbo Kick; 12:15 p.m., Target Tone; 6 p.m., Cardio Kickboxing
For more information, call 239-2813.

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Geary County free event celebrates National Hunting and Fishing Day

Staff report

Sportsman's Acres and Outlet Park at Milford Lake will host activities connected to National Hunting and Fishing Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 23.

Families are invited to take part in free hands-on learning about outdoor activities and skills.

Sportsman's Acres events include archery; shooting with muzzle-loaders, shotguns and air rifles; computer laser shot equip-

ment to improve skills with firearms and archery; a "turkey" shoot and shed antler grading.

Antler scavengers can bring their best shed antlers for certified antler scoring to Boone and Crockett criteria between 9 a.m. and noon.

Demonstrations will include hunting dogs and trapping.

Sportsman's Acres is located on Spur 244 Highway south of Milford Lake.

Activities at the Outlet Park below Milford Dam will include:

- A fishing expo from 9 a.m. to noon.

- Visitors can fish with an expert with free bait and looper poles. It will give parents a chance to learn to fish so they can take their children fishing.

- Educational fishing booths offering some basic "how to," fish identification, fish printing and a fish casting contest.

- A Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks fisheries biologist demonstrating electro-fishing and other fisheries gear.

- Boat dealer displays.

- Sportfishing and tournament organizations providing fishing tips and techniques.

- Fly fishing demonstration and instruction, and

- A Milford Wildlife Area Wetlands display.

For more information, call the Geary County Fish and Game Association at 238-8727, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 238-5714, the Milford Nature Center at 238-5323 or Milford State Park at 238-3014.

Cowbirds abandon their babies

Fort Riley home to most common of grassland birds

By Gibran Suleiman
Wildlife Biologist

Raising a nest of screaming hungry baby birds can prove to be a very daunting task, so one common bird on Fort Riley decided to let another bird do the dirty work.

The brown-headed cowbird, one of the most common grass-

land birds on Fort Riley, is known as a brood parasite. They don't build nests, incubate their eggs or even feed their young; they let other birds do it all for them.

A single female cowbird can deposit 40 or more eggs in a single breeding season. She lays one to several eggs into each host's nest.

Cowbirds do not target any particular species to serve as surrogate parents. More than 200 different species are known to fall victim to the cowbird's strategy.

Female cowbirds typically will try to place their eggs in nests of smaller species so that the cowbird chicks will have a competitive advantage when being fed by the host mother.

Unlike other types of brood parasites, newly hatched cowbirds do not push out the host's eggs or its nest mates. But, for smaller species of birds, the com-

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A brown-headed cowbird searches for food in the prairie grass at Fort Riley.

petition from the larger cowbird in the nest can spell disaster and cause starvation.

Some species of birds have evolved to fight back. These birds can recognize when a cowbird egg has been deposited in their nests. They will typically abandon the nest and cowbird egg, destroy the egg or bury it with nesting material and let it go bad.

The impact that cowbirds have on other birds varies. For some species there

seems to be little to no impact, while in others there is a large impact to the point that extinction becomes a threat.

The brown-headed cowbird has greatly expanded its range in the past 100 years.

As the name implies, the cowbird is known to follow around large mammals and eat the insects that the hooves of the animals disturb.

As thousands of acres of forested land were cleared and turned into grazing land for cattle, the brown-headed cowbird

expanded its range.

This was especially bad news for forest nesting songbirds that lost considerable amounts of habitat and faced a new species of bird that was destroying their broods.

One such species is the endangered Kirtland's warbler. This type of warbler has been affected to the point that part of its recovery plans includes physical removal of cowbirds.

Typically, cowbirds are seen in grassland habitats on Fort Riley. They are smaller than most blackbirds.

Males are a metallic greenish black with brown head and neck. Females are a drab gray with brownish wings and a streaked breast.

During the summer months, cowbirds dine on insects. They switch to grain during the winter months. The majority of cowbirds leave Fort Riley in the winter.

The brown-headed cowbird is a fascinating bird. By being a brood parasite, it has gained many advantages. A single female is able to produce many offspring while expending very little energy.

Because cowbird pairs are not tied down to the nest and raising their young, they can always be on the move. Ornithologists have thought that advantage to be extremely useful during times when cowbirds would follow the great bison herds as they roamed the prairie.

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Athletic Booster Club.

Rally towels go to donors

Commemorative rally towels will be given to those wishing to donate to the Fort Riley AUSA-Wounded Soldiers Fund.

The fund is a non-profit, charitable organization established to provide financial assistance for the benefit of financially challenged, severely wounded/injured soldiers both in times of war and peace.

To date, more than \$100,000 has been distributed to wounded Soldiers and family members since its inception in 2003.

Much of this money has been given to offset family members travel costs when visiting or assisting wounded soldiers.

"We are thankful for these great Americans - the students and staff of USD 475," said Brian Wells, director of the Fort Riley AUSA Wounded Soldiers Fund. "It is people like these who make this fund viable."

Additionally, several groups within USD 475 will collect items for the Wounded Soldiers Outreach and Support.

This group provides support for all wounded soldiers and their families - assisting with transportation needs, travel arrangements and continued support throughout the soldier's recovery. It also serves as a support and information sharing group for soldiers and family members.

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Wildflowers

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Aromatic aster resembles a small sunflower, with 25 to 30 purple or bluish floral rays. It is usually 2 to 4 feet high, with numerous flowers. As the name implies, Native Americans reported several medical uses of aster, but apparently little, if any, food value.

Pitcher sage is a member of the mint family. It occurs mostly in open prairie and on roadsides, especially in rocky areas. The light blue to purple flowers bloom from July to October.

A close relative called lance-leaved sage is the source of aromatic sage used in cooking. In fact, many other common herbs used in cooking come from the mint family, including oregano

and basil.

Last, but not least, the cardinal flower is probably the most striking of all fall flowering plants. As the name implies, the flower of this plant is a deep cardinal red.

Cardinal flower can be found statewide, mostly in wet and shady places - usually along stream banks.

Among the many medicinal uses tied to cardinal flower, its apparent use as a love potion is most notable. In times past, the roots of this plant were finely chopped and mixed in the food of a quarrelsome couple without their knowledge. This "love potion" was used extensively by Native Americans. They believed it to help avert divorce and make

a pair love each other again.

Although the end of the growing season is near, Mother Nature still has a few splendid wildflowers for viewing.

Stop by the Conservation Division, Building 1020, for more information on native plants of Fort Riley.

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Army Black Knights defeat Kent State

Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Austin Miller kicked a 36-yard field goal in overtime as Army beat Kent State 17-14 Sept. 9.

Army (1-1) gained possession after Kent State quarterback Julian Edelman fumbled at the 22 on the Golden Flashes' second play of overtime. Army took over

at the 25 and ran three plays to set up Miller's field goal from the right hash mark.

"To me, it really was just another kick. I've already kicked that kick a million times in my head," Miller said. "Before the game and during the game, I expect to have to kick a game winner. That's just kind of the mentality you have to have as a kicker."

Kent State (0-2) lost its 11th consecutive game. Trailing 14-7, the Golden Flashes tied it with 3:55 remaining in regulation when Edelman lofted a 15-yard pass into the left corner of the end zone to Najah Pruden.

Army erased a 7-0 deficit in the first half on two touchdown runs by freshman Tony Moore. Moore's second TD was a 6-yard run on fourth-and-2 that went off

left tackle with seven minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Wesley McMahon rushed 19 times for 90 yards to lead Army. Army's David Pevoto began the game, going 11-for-12 with 89 yards, then went 3-for-16 for 15 yards and two interceptions.

Edelman led the Golden Flashes with 16 carries and 82 yards.

Kent State scored on a trick play on its first possession. The

Golden Flashes lined up for a 34-yard field goal attempt 8:17 into the game, but holder Darren Rogers grabbed the long snap and ran left, untouched into the end zone for a 17-yard score.

The Golden Flashes twice threatened inside the Army 20 in the second half but could not score.

Cedrick Maxwell returned Pevoto's second consecutive

interception to the Army 11-yard line 4:22 into the third quarter. But the Black Knights' defense held Kent State on a fourth-and-1 at the Army 2.

Later, Edelman and running back Tony Howard moved the Golden Flashes 80 yards in less than four minutes to start the fourth quarter, but Reid Macko's 23-yard field goal attempt went wide right.

Weeklong events lead to Knights' matchup with Texas A&M Aggies

Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Local civic and city officials, Army athletic department personnel, Black Knights coaches and game promoters will participate in nearly a week's worth of special events throughout San Antonio in advance of the Black Knights' matchup with Texas A&M in the AT&T Corps Classic at the Alamodome Sept. 16.

Designed to forge relationships, promote the Corps Classic and expand the Army's athletic exposure in the state of Texas, the week's schedule features appear-

ances at the San Antonio Sports Foundation's Go Kids Challenge and Brook Army Medical Center. Army basketball coaches Jim Crews (men) and Dave Magarity (women) will join Director of Broadcasting Rich DeMarco and recent U.S. Military Academy graduates Megan Vrabel (women's basketball) and San Antonio native Dhyana Tarver (football) for the Go Kids Challenge Sept. 12, which kicks off the week's schedule. The event will take place at various schools throughout the city.

DeMarco, Crews and Magarity will accompany Athletic Director

Kevin Anderson and head baseball coach Joe Sottolano for a two-hour visit to the Brook Army Medical Center from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 13.

The Corps Classic Welcome Reception, from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 13, will bring together alumni and personnel from both schools, the Sports Foundation, the city of San Antonio, Alamodome staff and game promoters to officially thank those folks who have worked behind the scenes to make the game possible.

A golf outing on Sept. 14 precedes that night's broadcast of "Inside Army Football with

Bobby Ross," which will be hosted by DeMarco and take place at the San Antonio Hyatt Regency restaurant.

An Army "A" Club Reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Sunset Station located adjacent to the Alamodome. Academy leaders will accompany the football team on its customary Friday flight and will be in attendance.

The Corps Classic will pit the Aggies and Black Knights at 8:15 p.m. local time Sept. 16 in their first gridiron meeting since 1972. The matchup will be televised live on ESPN2.

Cavalry officers recall football glory

By Robert Yde

2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div.

FORT HOOD, Texas (Army News Service, Sept. 5, 2006) — For an 18-year old fresh out of high school, transitioning to life as a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., is no easy task.

"It was a wake up call," 2nd Lt. Corey Sherk said of his arrival at West Point. "A lot of people struggle in their first year."

With stringent academic standards and little free time, life as a cadet is tough enough; however, life for a cadet-athlete can become the ultimate test in time management.

"It's tough, every night, coming back at 8:30, and you've got to study until midnight and get up at six for something else," Sherk said.

Sherk, the fire support officer for 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, played quarterback and tight end for West Point from 2001 to 2004.

During high school in Fork Union, Va., Sherk said that he never gave a career in the military much thought. But after being recruited by West Point, he said he realized he was being offered the opportunity of a lifetime.

"If I had turned it down, I'd regret it the rest of my life," Sherk said.

By deciding to play for the Black Knights, Sherk joined an exclusive fraternity — one that only two other officers from his brigade can claim membership to. Maj. Corey Mitchell and Capt. Gene Palka share Sherk's experience of being an Army football player.

Mitchell, the brigade's fire support officer, was a defensive tackle from 1988 to 1991, and during his first season the Black Knights were invited to the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas.

Although Army came into the game with an 8-3 record, Mitchell said their opponent, Alabama, was heavily favored.

Throughout the game, the Black Knights kept pace with the Crimson Tide, eventually losing by just one point.

"We surprised a lot of people



Courtesy photo

Corey Sherk drops back during passing drills at a West Point practice. Sherk played quarterback and tight end for the Black Knights from 2001-2004, and is now a second lieutenant and fire support officer for Co. D, 1st Bn., 8th Cav.

during that game," Mitchell said. After finishing high school in Cincinnati, Mitchell was recruited by several programs.

"A lot of Mid-American conference teams as well as some Big Ten teams like Indiana and Ohio State (showed interest)," Mitchell said.

After visiting the West Point campus and seeing what it could offer him — not only as a football player — Mitchell said his decision was easy.

"They cared about you, not just because you played football, but as a person and a student," he recalled.

Mitchell said that while West Point does not attract top prospects, it does draw well-rounded athletes.

Palka agreed, saying it's the school's academic reputation that drew him to West Point.

"It's easily one of the top 10 schools in the country," said Palka, a nose guard on the team from 1998 to 2002. "When you say, 'You went to West Point,' that's something that people all around the world will recognize."

A self-described "Army brat," Palka, the fire support officer for 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, grew up at Fort Campbell, Ky. He said after being around the Army all of his life, attending West Point and becoming a commissioned officer seemed like nat-

ural choices.

"I was attracted to some of the other schools — to play football," Palka explained, "but I wasn't sure what I would do after college."

While all three officers played for Army at different times and under different coaches, they all agree that the experience of being a cadet-football player is a unique one.

"Being a football player was extra special," Palka said. "It required something a little bit extra, that the average cadet maybe did not have to go through."

Besides hours of practice during the season and off-season weight training and conditioning, players must maintain their grades

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and fulfill their duties as cadets.

"There's no slack," Mitchell said. "We have to adhere to the same standards, academically, as the cadets do because, again, we're cadets first."

"It's a brotherhood, and it's a network," Palka said. "The past players will stay in touch, and then we also mentor the young ones as they come into the Army."

Palka admitted that keeping in touch and following the program has been more difficult with the Army's commitment to Operation Iraqi Freedom. However, all three Black Jack officers said they like the direction that Army football is headed. For this, they credit head coach Bobby Ross.

"They're doing a great job, not only building a great football team but giving us solid leaders as officers," Palka said of Ross and his staff.

Sherk had the opportunity to play for Ross during his senior season and considers it the highlight of his career.

"From the first day he introduced himself to us, the attitude just changed instantly," Sherk said of Ross.

Since Ross' arrival three years ago, the Black Knights have shown steady improvement each season, leading to rejuvenation in Army football.

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'Inside Army Football' returns

WEST POINT, N.Y. (Army News Service) — The Army's popular weekly radio program, "Inside Army Football with Bobby Ross," returned to the airwaves Aug. 31 as the program made its season debut live from the lounge at Thayer Hotel.

The hour-long radio show once again will be hosted by Army Director of Broadcasting Rich DeMarco and air in the Hudson Valley on WBNR (1260-AM) and WLNA (1420-AM). The audio broadcast of the show also will be available to Knight Vision subscribers on the Army Athletic Association's official Web site at www.goARMYsports.com.

The show is open to the public and runs from 7 to 8 p.m. Tickets to Army's home opener and all Black Knight home contents can be purchased at the Army Ticket Office, online at www.goARMYsports.com or by calling (877) TIX-ARMY.

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'Trooper' advances in shooting standings



Post file photo

Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard "trooper" Sgt. Shawn Day demonstrates cavalry shooting and riding skills during a demonstration for the public.

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Sgt. Shawn Day admits he never had to grow up. At least that's what it feels like when he competes in competitions for the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association.

"I get to dress up like John Wayne and ride around on a horse and shoot guns. Kind of cool," he said.

Day, demonstration team leader for the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard at Fort Riley, and his wife Heike, a horse trainer, will saddle up their horses to compete in the 2006 CMSA World Championship in Las Vegas this November.

To compete at the world championships, riders have to accumulate 200 or more points during the course of the year.

Day, the high-point shooter in the state of Kansas, got his final points at a shoot in Pueblo, Colo., in August. Heike, has won five of the seven matches she's been to this year and is the highest ranked female shooter in the state of Kansas, Day said.

Getting those final points was a big relief for Day. Being out of town most weekends with the CGMCG, he didn't know if he'd find the time to rack up the points he'd need to make it to Las Vegas. "I didn't know if I'd be able to do it, but I managed to get it done in just a couple of shoots," he said.

Day, has been riding since 1998 when Heike taught him how in Germany. Since then, he's been team roping, riding bulls, and "just rodeoing," he said.

A friend in the CGMCG wanted to try out the CMSA. Day had some horses he thought would work, so the pair spent a couple of weeks getting the horses acclimated to the sound of gunfire and entered a shoot. That was the end of last year and Day said he was hooked.

In Las Vegas, along with around 2,000 other cowboys, Day

For more information:

To learn more about the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, visit <http://cowboymountedshooting.com/> on the Web.

and his wife will compete in two courses a day for four days, he said. There are 50 possible courses consisting of ten targets. The first five targets are set up in ran-

dom patterns and the last five in a straight line. While racing in between barrels, the mounted cowboys shoot the targets with authentic or reproductions of pre-1900s .45 caliber pistols. They are scored on their accuracy and time.

"Hopefully I win the world championship," Day said. "That'd be cool." If he wins, he'll be about \$20,000 richer, which, he said, would be nice to help pay for the upkeep of his horses.

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Nemechek slips to 32nd

Army News Service

RICHMOND, Va. — A lack of traction in the Sept. 9 nighttime Nextel Cup race at Richmond International Raceway sent Joe Nemechek to the back with a 32nd place result.

Nemechek started the Chevy Rock & Roll 400 from the 21st position, but as soon as the green flag dropped for the 400-lap race, the 01 Chevrolet never could gain momentum on the .75-mile oval.

"The car was slipping and slid-

ing and I had trouble getting through the turns," Nemechek said.

"This was not the performance that we anticipated nor is it one that reflects the hard work from the many people who work on these cars back at the shop and at the track," he said.

With 26 regular season Cup races completed and the public interest shifting to the 10 Chase teams, Nemechek said his enthusiasm and desire to excel will not diminish.

"I congratulate the 10 drivers who qualified for the Chase," Nemechek said.

"Though we're not part of that group it doesn't mean anything as far as our preparations will go. This is the Soldiers' car and we will continue to attack each race with the same fight as we always do," Nemechek vowed.

The next race for Nemechek and the Army team will be Sept. 17 at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon.

Flag football

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6 p.m. The 596th Signal Company is scheduled to play Battery A, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, at 7 p.m., and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, is set to go against Company B, 1st Bn., 4th Bn., 1st FA, in the final game.

Other teams in the Eastern League are Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA. HHC, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., is scheduled to play Btry. B, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, in its league opener at 6 p.m. Sept. 28. HHC, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, opens its set to open its season at 8 p.m. the same night against Btry. A, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA.

Northern League play opens Oct. 5 with the 977th Military

Police Company scheduled to play Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division, at 6 p.m. The 7 p.m. game pits Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, against 24th Transportation Company. Medical Department Activity is scheduled to meet 172nd Chemical Company in the 8 p.m. nightcap.

The Northern League is the only league with six teams. The other three have seven entered.

Flag football differs from regular football in the number of yards required to earn a first down. First downs are made by crossing a zone marker — the 20-yard line or mid-field (40-yard line) markers — within four plays.

Quarters are limited to a set number of combined plays by

both teams' offense — 12, including extra point attempts — and each game is limited to one hour. Successful extra point attempt from three yards out of the end-zone add one point to a team's score. A successful extra points attempt from five yards out adds two points to a team's score.

Every member of the seven-man squad on the field is eligible to receive or throw a pass, and two forward passes are allowed from any place on the field during one offensive play.

The two teams with the best record in each league will advance to the post tournament, scheduled for Nov. 7-9.

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Army launches newest version of popular video game

'Real Heroes' join 'America's Army' in 'Special Forces (Overmatch)' released Sept. 14

Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. —“America's Army” online video game launched its newest version, “America's Army: Special Forces (Overmatch),” Sept. 14.

The new addition features “America's Army: Real Heroes,” a program that honors Soldiers who've shown heroism in the war on terror.

So far, “Real Heroes” are modeled after eight Soldiers who've received an award for valor for actions in operations Enduring or Iraqi Freedom. In addition to being virtual in-game characters, the heroes are being modeled for action figures that will be sold in retail stores.

Chris Chambers, deputy director of the Army Game project, said the new characters were created to inspire Americans and highlight the values, teamwork and courage that are the fabric of

today's Army.

“There are thousands of enlisted Soldiers who have been awarded medals for bravery and valor in combat, but their stories are largely unknown to the American public,” Chambers said.

In the past century, most Americans were well aware of, and looked up to, Soldiers like Sergeants Audie Murphy and Alvin York, he added. “There is a great need for the public to learn the stories behind our current generation of Soldiers.”

Game shows Army to 7.5 million users

America's Army shows more than 7.5 million registered users what it's like to be a Soldier. Players assume virtual roles as special forces, infantry or medical Soldiers, explore individual and collective training, and eventually

participate in simulated war on terror missions.

In the game's latest version, players will be able to meet and interact with the Real Heroes, and hear their stories told through a video and in the real Soldier's own words on the America's Army Web site, www.americas-army.com.

The first four Soldiers to become “Real Heroes” are Sgt. 1st Class Gerald Wolford, Maj. Jason Amerine, Sgt. Tommy Riegan and Sgt. Matthew W. Zedwick. Action figures and in-game characters will launch later this year for Master Sgt. Scott Neil, Sgt. Leigh Hester, Spc. Jason Mike and Staff Sgt. Timothy Nein.

Wolford was most recently a reconnaissance platoon sergeant assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., and is currently attending Officer Candidate School at Fort Ben-

ning, Ga.

A Silver Star recipient, Wolford was chosen for the program for his actions during the fight for key river crossings across the Euphrates River during offensive operations to defeat the Iraqi army in the early stages of OIF. He repeatedly placed himself and his vehicle in direct contact with the enemy while protecting the advance of friendly dismounted infantry.

Even after he and two members of his section sustained shrapnel wounds from rocket-propelled grenade fire, Wolford continued to expose himself to hostile fire in order to evacuate casualties, reposition his men and redistribute weapons and equipment.

Wolford 'honored' to be part of game

Wolford said he's honored and

humbled to be a part of the America's Army “Real Heroes” Program.

“I'm hoping that through this program people can read of the experiences of myself and others and find the motivation to succeed and work harder at what they do, whether in the Army or civilian life,” he said.

Wolford also hopes the program inspires others to join the Army after seeing that “heroes” are really just ordinary people who face extraordinary situations and react in a way most people would hope to if faced with something similar.

“It's important for people to realize Soldiers are doing the right thing and living by the values that we have had instilled in us,” he said. “Most Soldiers do exceptional acts every day and are so seldom recognized.”

Wolford has worked closely with game developers to record

his own in-game lines and ensure his character correctly conveys his story. Like other Soldiers in the program, Wolford wants to make sure the spotlight is not on him, but rather on his team.

“With or without the recognition of the Silver Star, or anything that comes with that, when I led my men in Iraq that day on the Euphrates, I had four of my men who had received Bronze Stars for valor, and that validated everything that I had been taught,” he said.

“Real Heroes” is the 22nd addition to the America's Army game. Players will have access to such new weapons systems as the Javelin Missile and the Crew Remote Operated Weapon Station, as well as increasing mobility, action and firepower.

The game is available for download at www.americas-army.com.

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Sports news briefly

Pool classes, activities listed

Sept. 25 – 5:45-6:30 p.m., Abs/Buns & Thighs
Sept. 26 – 9:30-10:30 a.m., Water Aerobics; 5-6 p.m., Water Aerobics
Sept. 27 – 5:45-6:30 p.m., Abs/Buns & Thighs
Sept. 28 – 9:30-10:30 a.m., Water Aerobics; 5-6 p.m., Water Aerobics
For more information, call 239-4854.

Bowling center events listed

Custer Hill lanes is open daily for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sept. 23 – 4 to 7 p.m., Family Time Xtreme Bowling
Sept. 23-24 – 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., Xtreme Bowling
Sept. 24 – 4 to 6 p.m., Family Time Xtreme Bowling
Sept. 27 – 5 to 7 p.m., Wing Night in the Bar
Sept. 29 – 5 to 8 p.m., Family Night with Bowling and Buffet
Custer Hill Bowling Center, Building 7485, offers open bowling 5 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 5 to 10 p.m. Fridays and 3 to 11 p.m. Saturdays.
For more information about Bowling Center activities, call 239-4366.

Private firearms range open

Fort Riley's Range 9 for privately owned firearms is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for use on weekends by authorized patrons.
Confirmed open dates are

Sept. 16 and 24, weather permitting.
The range may be open other days or those confirmed dates may change.
Anyone wanting to use the range should first check with Outdoor Rec at 239-2249 to confirm the range is open.
The range is usually open despite inclement weather.
If the range is to be closed because of severe weather or extreme cold or heat, the range officer scheduled for duty will notify Range Control and Outdoor Recreation.
All users of the POF Range must possess a valid Department of Defense ID card and a Fort Riley weapons registration form for their firearm.
All users of the POF range must have a valid POV pass before driving north of Vinton School Road.
All shooters must bring their own hearing protection. No water is available at Range 9. Target stands and targets are available at no charge at Range 9.

Shooting aid can be rented

The Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 9011 on Rifle Range Road, offers a Laser Shot Shooting Simulation System to help hunters improve their shooting.
The system can be used for a rental fee of \$5 per person per hour or a group rate of \$15 per half hour or \$25 per hour.
Outdoor Rec is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.
For more information, call 239-2363.

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Leisure time ideas

Benton:

What: Chuckwagons of the West Jamboree. National three-day event featuring concerts, tours, golf outing, tributes and more. A musical jamboree that has been deemed "The Grand Daddy of Them All."

When: Sept. 25-27

Where: 15231 SW Parallel Road, The Prairie Rose and Wild West World.

Phone: (316) 778-2121

Web site: <http://www.prairierosechuckwagon.com>

Atchison:

What: Haunted Trolley Tour. Narrated trolley tour featuring ghostly tales about Atchison's historic homes. Atchison's distinction as the "most haunted town in Kansas" is revealed on this hour-long narrated trolley tour through historic neighborhoods.

When: Sept. 8 through Oct. 31

Where: 200 S. 10th St.
Phone: (913) 367-2427 of (800) 234-1854

Clay Center:

What: Potique Fall Festival and Parade. Parade, 10K run/walk, arts and crafts, food booths and kiddie parade.

When: Sept. 30

Where: Downtown

Phone: (785) 632-5674

Web site: <http://www.cckansas.org>

Paixco:

What: Paxico Blues Festival featuring Kelley Hunt, John Paul and the Flying Circus, Linda Shell and the Blues Thang, and Millages Gilbert.

When: Sept. 23

Where: Downtown Paxico
Phone: (785) 636-5520

Festival recreates 'old world' life

By Deb Skidmore

Media Relations Officer

If you go

What: Renaissance Festival

Where: Bonner Springs, Kan. Take Exit 224 off Interstate 70 and go north on Kansas Highway 7.

When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily each weekend through Oct. 15, rain or shine.

Cost: Adults \$16.95, Children 5 to 12 years old \$7.95, children under 4 free, pets \$5.

Phone: (800) 373-0357
Web site: www.kerenfest.com

chocolate covered cheesecake on a stick.

Shopkeepers fill the village with their wares and crafts for sale. The items include jewelry, pottery, leather goods, candles and furniture.

Additionally, stages are strategically placed within the village

offering comedy performances, fire eating and magic tricks.

A special area, the Children's Realm, caters to the smaller visitors to the village. Games, shows, crafts and human-powered rides add to the fun.

And, the king makes an appearance at 4:30 p.m. each day in the Royal Glade to bestow knight-hood on the future protectors of his kingdom.

This year's festival includes themed weekends including:

- Worldly Treasures that will allow visitors to explore the mysteries of the new world Sept. 16-17.

- Great Scots who invade the village wearing their plaids and playing their pipes Sept. 23-24.
- Champions of the realm with non-stop sporting events September 30 and Oct. 1.

- Mediterranean Marauders who add a taste of exotic lands Oct. 7-8, and

- Phantom's Curse to wrap up the season with sorcery and scares Oct. 14-15.



Post file photo

A Kansas City Renaissance Festival performer quenches his hunger with a little fire while entertaining visitors to the annual medieval festival near Bonner Springs, Kan.

Soldier Show seeks entertainers, crew

By Tim Hipps

USACFSC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Army News Service) — Soldier-entertainers have until Dec. 31 to apply for an audition for the 2007 U.S. Army Soldier Show. Audio, video, lighting, costume and stage technicians also are needed.

Active duty and reserve component Soldiers are eligible to participate in the song-and-dance extravaganza that provides "entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier" during a six-month tour of Army installations.

Submission packets must include:

- A 10-minute DVD or VHS tape demonstrating your talent;
- A copy of the results of your most recent Army Physical Fitness Test, including height and

weight;

- A copy of your updated enlistment or officer record brief;

- An entertainment resume;

- A Department of the Army photo or similar photo in uniform; and

- A letter of intent to release from your chain of command.

The letter of intent to release must state that if you are selected to become a cast or crew member for the U.S. Army Soldier Show that your unit agrees to release you for a temporary duty assignment to Army Entertainment Division for the duration of the tour, which usually runs early March through late November. It must be signed by your company commander.

The audition DVD or VHS should include at least two different styles of vocal performance,

along with other talents you possess, such as dance or the ability to play musical instruments. Be mindful that the Soldier Show is a family oriented production.

Nomination packets should be mailed to U.S. Army Soldier Show, Attention: 2007 Selection Committee, P.O. Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA, 22060. Express courier deliveries should be sent to U.S. Army Show, Attention: 2007 Selection Committee, 6091 Sharon Lane, Building 1434, Fort Belvoir, VA, 22060.

Although the 2006 season is winding down, Army entertainment officials urge applicants to attend a Soldier Show and discuss auditions with folks familiar with the process. This year's performance schedule and more information are available at www.armyentertainment.net.



USACFSC photo/Hipps

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, September 15, 2006

Leisure time ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Sept. 15 – Barnyard, PG, 90 min.

Sept. 16 – Talladega Nights, PG-13, 110 min.

Sept. 17 – Zoom, PG, 88 min.

Sept. 21 – Talladega Nights, PG-13, 110 min.

Sept. 21 – Snake on the Plane, R, 106 min.

Sept. 23 – Step Up, PG-13, 103 min.

Sept. 24 – The Decent, R, 99 MIN

For more information, call 784-4380.

Junction City:

What: Go, Dog! Go, a live theater production with the lovable characters from P.D. Eastman's popular book.

When: 6 p.m., Sept. 26

Where: 700 N. Jefferson St., JC Municipal Building

Admission: Free – however, tickets are necessary and must be picked up in advance of the show at the Junction City Arts Council, 107 W. Seventh St. or at the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library.

Lawrence:

What: Fireworks, hailed as "the hottest new classical band in New York," in its performance of Cartoon.

When: 7 p.m., Sept. 30

Where: 1600 Stewart Dr., Lied Center of Kansas

Phone: (785) 864-2794

Web site: www.lied.ku.edu

Tickets: On sale at the Lied Center Ticket Office, (785) 864-2387; the University Theatre Ticket Office, (785) 864-3982; SUA Office, (785) 864-SHOW; any Ticketmaster outlet, (785) 234-4545; or online at www.lied.ku.edu

Admission: Public \$28 and \$23; children 0 to 18 years, \$14 and \$11.50; senior citizens (62 and over), \$27 and \$22.

What: Pacifica Quartet

When: 2 p.m., Oct. 1

Where: 1600 Stewart Dr., Lied Center of Kansas

Phone: (785) 864-2794

Web site: www.lied.ku.edu

Tickets: On sale at the Lied Center Ticket Office, (785) 864-2387; the University Theatre Ticket Office, (785) 864-3982; SUA Office, (785) 864-SHOW; any Ticketmaster outlet, (785) 234-4545; or online at www.lied.ku.edu

Admission: Public \$29 and \$24; children 0 to 18 years, \$14.50 and \$12; senior citizens (62 and over), \$28 and \$23.

Abilene:

What: Film Series – the first movie is a contemporary film about a popular musician, his quest for love and his battle with drugs. The film is rated PG13, and runs 136 minutes. A discussion will be held after the movie for those wishing to participate.

When: 2 p.m., Sept. 17

Where: 601 Cedar, First United Methodist Church

Admission: Free

Phone: (785) 263-1884

Cottonwood Falls:

What: Sara Grey Concert

When: 7:30 p.m., Sept. 16

Where: 317 Broadway, Emma Chase Café

Phone: (785) 273-6020

Web site: www.emmachasecafe.com/

Theater group goes 'Barefoot'



Post-Heronemus

Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, will take the stage in a walk-on part of "Barefoot in the Park" on opening night at the Junction City Little theatre.

General set to 'Ham' it up in walk-on role

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The man who gives the orders at Fort Riley took the director's orders dutifully Sept. 8 and then accepted Tim Stuck's thanks for helping the Junction City Little theatre try something new and innovative.

Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, rehearsed his "walk on" part that night for the upcoming opening performance of "Barefoot in the Park," the initial production for the little theater group's 2006-2007 season. Ham admitted he'd never tried acting in a play before, "but I sometimes acted sick when I was in school," he added quickly.

"You just have to pretend to be someone else," Stuck advised.

"Oh, I'm good at pretending to be someone else," Ham replied.

His wife, Christi, laughed in agreement but later warned him that his reserved seat next to her

on opening night wouldn't be there if he didn't do well on stage.

Ham and three other community leaders will make walk on appearances as the elderly delivery man who has to climb six flights of stairs to deliver wedding gifts to the young bride who has rented the top floor apartment in an old brownstone building.

Besides Ham, Junction City Manager Rod Barnes, KJCK radio manager Mark Ediger and Junction City Mayor Terry Heldstab will take turns playing the role in one of the four scheduled performances.

"We thought the suggestion to include some prominent community leaders in the role was a good one and would add something to the play," said co-director Julie Ann Stuck.

Others in the cast include Fort Riley Maj. Janine Taylor as Corrie's mother; Erin Perry of Chapman as Corrie; Rick Parsons as Corrie's new husband, Paul; Dustin Powell of Junction City as

If you go

What: "Barefoot in the Park," a comedy by renowned playwright Neil Simon.

When: 8 p.m. Sept. 28, 29 and 30; 2 p.m. Oct. 1

Where: Junction City Little Theatre, 18th Street, across from the Buffalo Memorial park

Cost: \$10

To reserve tickets: Call 239-6220. Tickets are also available at the door, but opening night usually sells out in advance.

Victor Velasco, the "upstairs" neighbor, and Patrick Jungnich, a Junction City High School grad, as the telephone repairman.

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Beach Museum shows 'Sampling,' kids' art

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MANHATTAN, Kan. – The Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art at Kansas State University is featuring two shows through Dec. 22: "A Sampling: Highlights from the Permanent Collection" and "The Creative Place: Children and Their Art."

"A Sampling" will be on display in the museum's Helm Gallery and is a collection of paintings, ceramics and sculptures. The exhibit includes Jeff Aeling's painting "Thunderstorm near Colby, KS," Jesse Montes' 3-D cardboard sculpture "21 with Cube" and Randy Regier's "Whitey Cracker."

Among recent acquisitions on display for the first time are Bruce Moore's low-relief portrait bust "Robert T. Atchison" and Gordon Moore's painting "Float."

The idea for "A Sampling" was developed when museum staff had trouble storing a number of the pieces because of their large size or awkward shape.

"This is one of the last temporary installations of objects from our permanent collection until the museum's new wing opens in fall 2007," said Bill North, senior curator. "The existing galleries are going to be used exclusively for the long-term installation of the permanent collection."

The Beach Museum also is showing "The Creative Place: Children and Their Art." The museum's educational staff will be using the Hempler Gallery for early childhood workshops, school tours and after-school/early-release programs.

If you go

The Beach Museum of Art, 14th Street and Anderson Avenue, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Admission is free, and complimentary visitor parking is available adjacent to the facility.

For more information, call (785) 532-7718.

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